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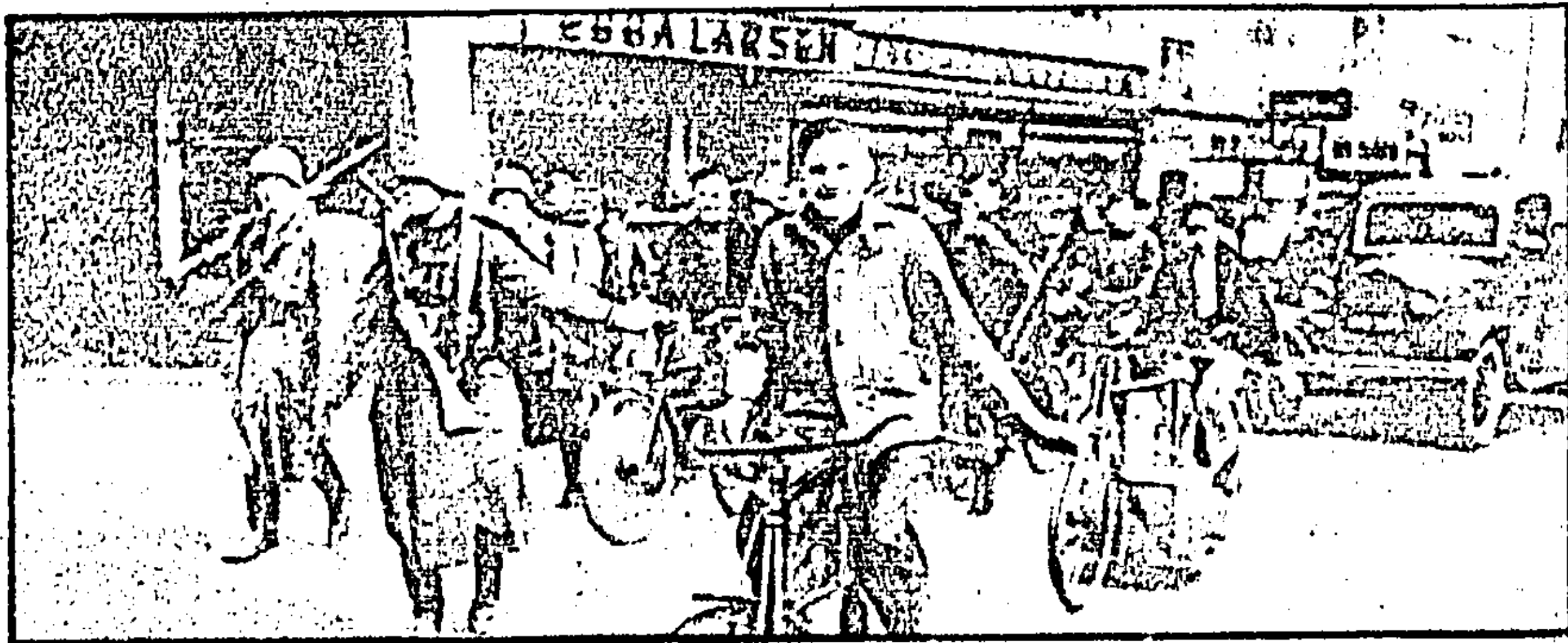
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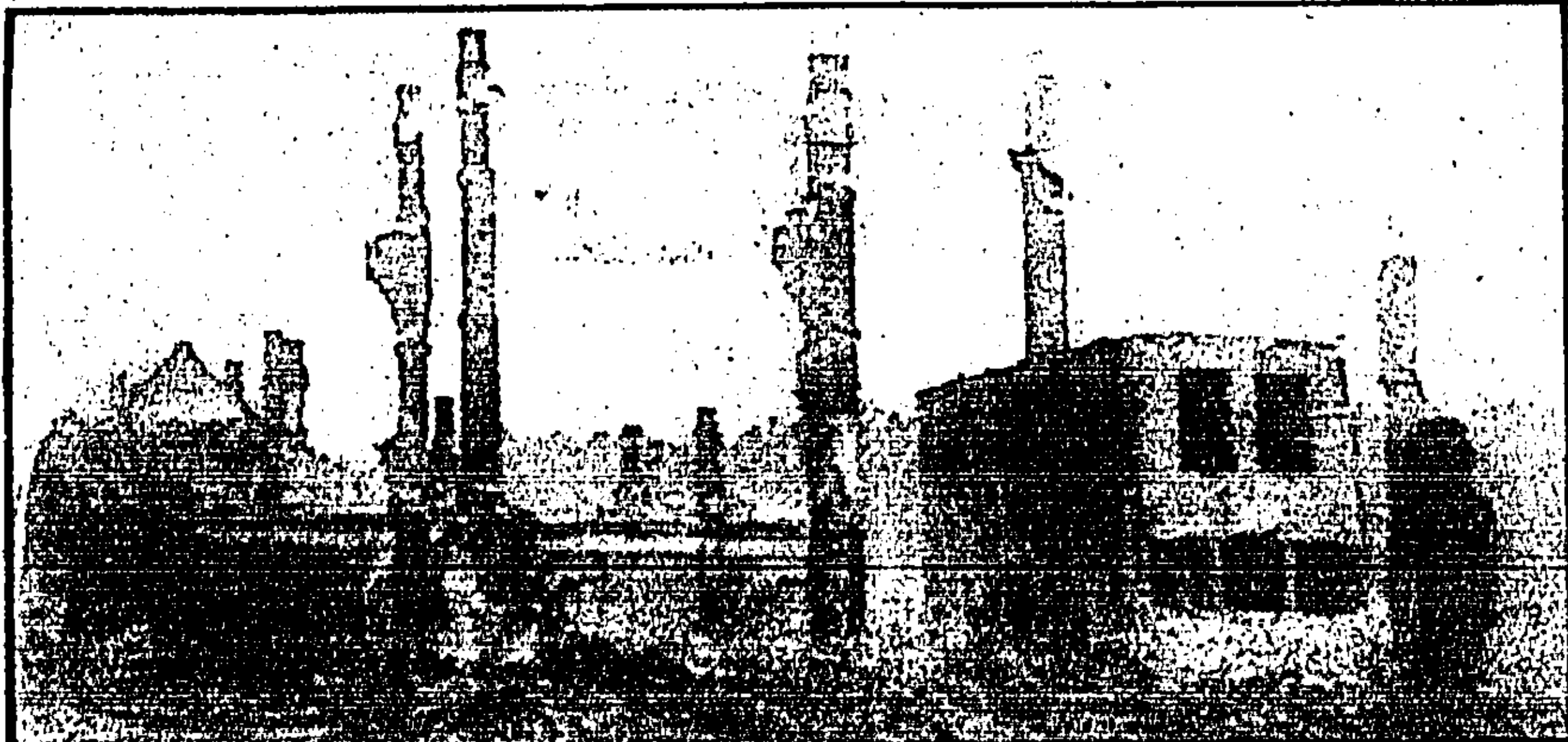
Precautions By Rumania, Turkey and Egypt: Allied War Council Meets As Mussolini Confers With Defence Chief: Bulgarian Alarm

AMERICA AND VATICAN JOIN IN EFFORTS FOR PEACE IN ITALY

FIRST PICTURE OF A NAZI INVASION



THIS DRAMATIC PHOTOGRAPH, the first received in Hongkong from Denmark, shows German troops marching through a street in Copenhagen after the Blitzkrieg invasion.—By Air Mail. Copyright.



THE GERMAN INVASION of Norway. This dramatic photograph, received by air mail from London, shows the effect of Nazi incendiary bombs on an unprotected Norwegian city. The photograph was taken in Elverum, 75 miles north-east of Oslo. The city was completely razed by Nazi bombs.

Renewed Efforts By Pope Pius PLANS FOR WAR HASTENED

By REYNOLDS PACKARD
("UNITED PRESS" STAFF
CORRESPONDENT)

ROME, May 6 (UP).—His Holiness the Pope and President Roosevelt are authoritatively reported to be collaborating to keep Italy out of war.

This report is being circulated among usually reliable ecclesiastical quarters following a 35-minute audience which the Pope gave to the Prince and Princess of Piedmont this morning.

The report is also connected with the meeting at Florence last week-end between the United States Ambassador and Mr. Myron Taylor, President Roosevelt's representative to the Vatican.

The United States Ambassador is expected back in Rome to-morrow, it is believed he will have further important conversations with Italian Government authorities, including Mussolini.

British Envoy's Return
The return to-night of the British Ambassador is also seen in many quarters as an indication that he will undoubtedly have conversations with Mussolini within the next few days when he will have an opportunity to explain the British viewpoint in connection with the reinforcements of the fleets in the Mediterranean.
That France may also be interested in joining the Holy See and the United States in appeasement efforts which some Vatican quarters even go as far as to say may resolve into an actual peace effort to end the present war.
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FEVERISH DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY IN BALKANS AS SCENE DARKENS

FEVERISH DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY IS EVIDENT IN THE BALKANS AS RENEWED EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE BY HIS HOLINESS THE POPE AND PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT TO KEEP ITALY OUT OF THE WAR.

The Allied War Council met at the Elysee Palace in Paris at 2 p.m. yesterday.

A "United Press" message from Washington states that President Roosevelt has suddenly curtailed his visit to Hyde Park, and has taken a special train for Washington.

Attaches refuse to state why the President took this extraordinary

COURSE. IL DUCE SEES COMMANDER

During the latter part of his stay in Hyde Park President Roosevelt received telephonic summaries of the situation in Europe.

It is officially announced in Rome that Mussolini received the Prince of Piedmont at Venice Palace yesterday afternoon.

The Prince is one of Italy's two Army Corps Commanders.

Italian defence measures were discussed for over an hour.

The conversations followed the Prince's audience with His Holiness the Pope at the Vatican.

Considerable agitation has been caused in Bulgaria at reports that Turkey is massing troops on the Greek frontier.

It is believed that the Turkish move is connected with British naval activity in the eastern Mediterranean.

Meanwhile, Rumania has instituted extensive civil defence exercises.

Bucharest will be placed under war-time conditions to-morrow in order to accustom the populace to air-raid emergencies.

Similar exercises are to be held in provincial towns.

Egypt's Precautions

A "Reuter" message from Cairo states that special ordinances were signed by the Egyptian Prime Minister yesterday.

These ordinances provide that nobody will now be allowed to enter or leave Egypt without a special permit and anybody possessing fire arms, explosives or material from which bombs and explosives can be made must declare such possession to the authorities before May 15 under a penalty not exceeding eight years imprisonment.

Tightening Security Measures
The authorities are empowered to search private dwellings.

This is part of an energetic action being taken by the Government to tighten up security measures throughout the country.

Extra precautions are being taken in the Suez Canal zone which is being continually swept for possible mines.

The output of the Suez oil refineries is being stored in huge underground tanks in the desert.

NAZIS TO LEAVE ITALIAN TYROL

VATICAN CITY, May 6 (Reuter).—The Prime of Poland has informed His Holiness the Pope that German-speaking families from the Italian Tyrol will be sent to German-occupied Poland next August.

The Prime has also presented a report giving details of Nazi persecutions of Polish Catholics.

The report refers to the death of 39 priests of six dioceses by shooting or from torture in prison.

WAR IN NORWAY

ENORMOUS LOSSES

Norwegian Minister
Tells Of Havoc

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—"Our losses have been very great," declared Professor Koht in an interview with Reuters to-day.

He added that vast numbers had been killed or wounded or had disappeared. A great part of the Norwegian forces have been lost.

They had still, however, in the far north a very fine army which was absolutely intact.

This army, he said, should be of great assistance to the Allies especially as it was the strongest party of the Army and knew every inch of the difficult country.

This force was well-equipped but there was a shortage of anti-aircraft guns.

Large German Army
Regarding the size of the German army in Norway, Professor Koht said that it might be 50,000 or 100,000 but in any case it was very large.

He also stated that no appeal of any kind had been made by the Norwegian Government to Sweden for assistance. They did not want their good Swedish friends to be dragged through the misery they were going through.
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LATEST

See Back Page For
Further Late News

OVERLAND DRIVE ON NARVIK

Nazis Pushing North
From Trondheim

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BERLIN, May 6 (UP).—Informed circles say the German forces from Trondheim are already half way to Narvik.

The German radio cites Swedish reports that these troops had reached the towns of Mijoen and Mo.

Norwegian Resistance

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
STOCKHOLM, May 6 (UP).—The "Aftonbladet" report from the Norwegian frontier states that Norwegian detachments are putting up a stiff resistance in the Gudal Valley, half way between Stoen and Roeros.

Fighting is reported to be going on between Rognes and Singanos to the east of Stoen. It is claimed that one Norwegian force at Rognes had "some success" against 3,000 Germans.

Norwegians Holding Out

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—According to the Norwegian telegraph agency, Norwegian troops are still holding out in the wild Gul Valley between Roeros and Stoen.

A detachment of 250 German soldiers passed through Roeros to-day en route to Gudal.

ANOTHER NEW DEATH WEAPON

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, May 6 (UP).—According to the latest issue of the Army and Navy Journal, German planes are being equipped with cannons to destroy French planes which, says the report, would be "blown to bits in the air as a result of a direct hit by an explosive bullet."

SUBMARINE CAPTURED?

Nazis Claim British
Vessel Seized

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, May 6 (UP).—Nothing is known in London regarding German reports that a British submarine has been captured in the Kattegat.

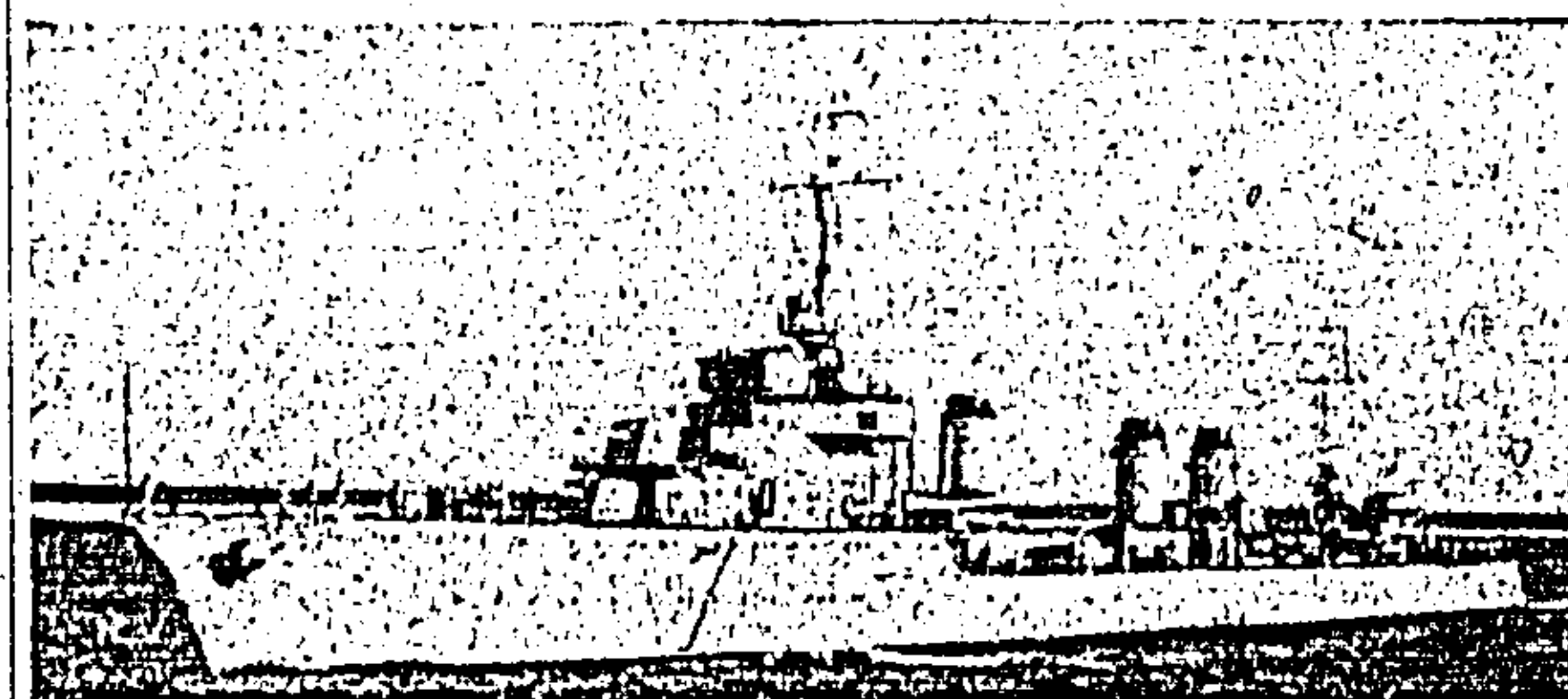
If the report is true it would be the eighth British submarine the British have lost so far in the war.

Previous losses were the submarines Oxley, Seahorse, Undine, Starfish, Thistle, Tarpon and Sterlet. It is worthy of note that part of the crews of the Undine and Starfish, which are understood to have been lost in the Heligoland Bight, have been rescued, according to a German wireless report.

Towed By Minotweeper
LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—The Berlin news agency gives alleged details of the capture of a British submarine.
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NETHERLANDS PRECAUTIONS

AMSTERDAM, May 6 (Reuter).—By virtue of the present state of siege in Holland, the Defence Minister has appointed the Commanders of the garrisons at Amsterdam, The Hague and Rotterdam as Military Commissioners in the three cities—the leading cities in the country.



THE DESTROYER BISON

Three Destroyers Sunk By Enemy Air Action

THE three Allied navies—British, French and Polish—have each sustained the loss of a destroyer in the latest operations at sea. In each case, the vessels concerned are destroyers and all three were victims of bombing attacks by Nazi planes.

The British Admiralty has announced the loss of the 1,800-ton destroyer Afridi, which has a complement of 200 men.

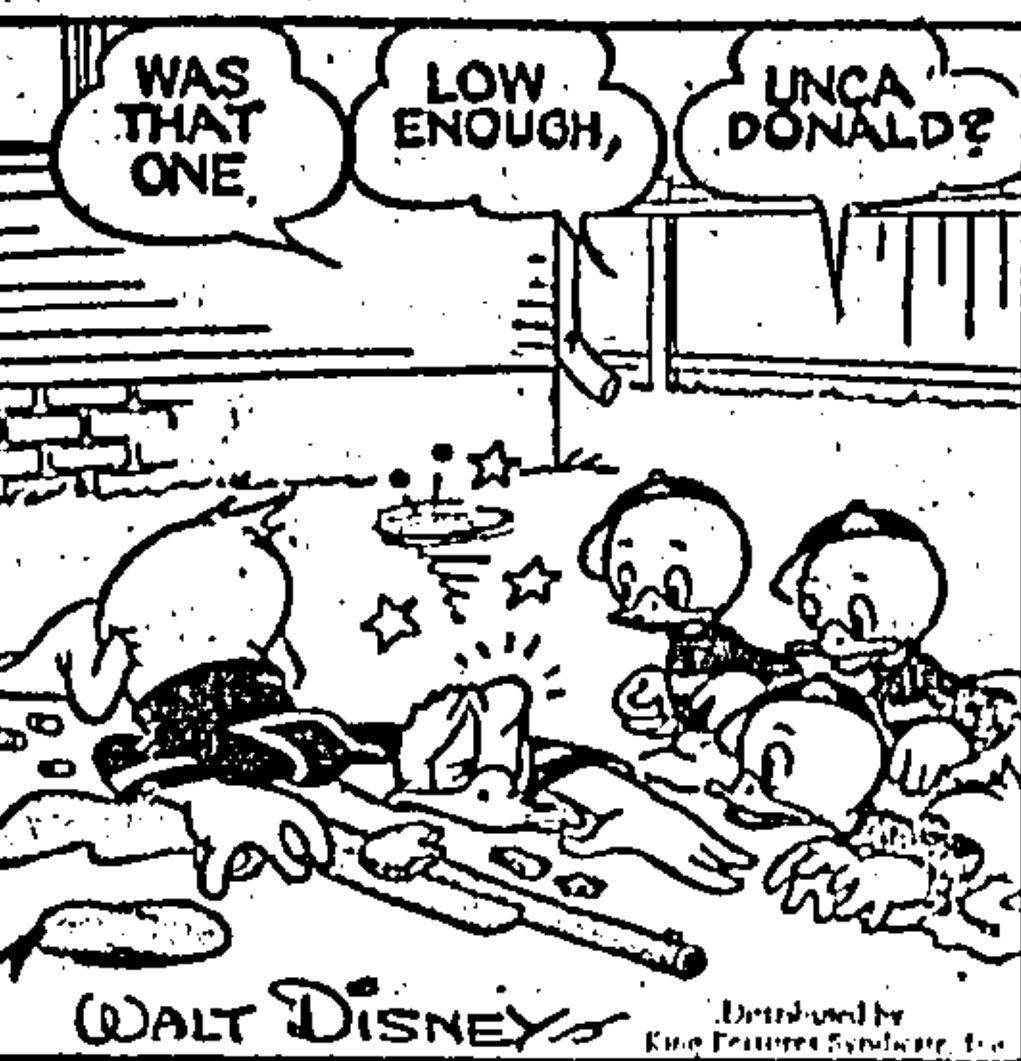
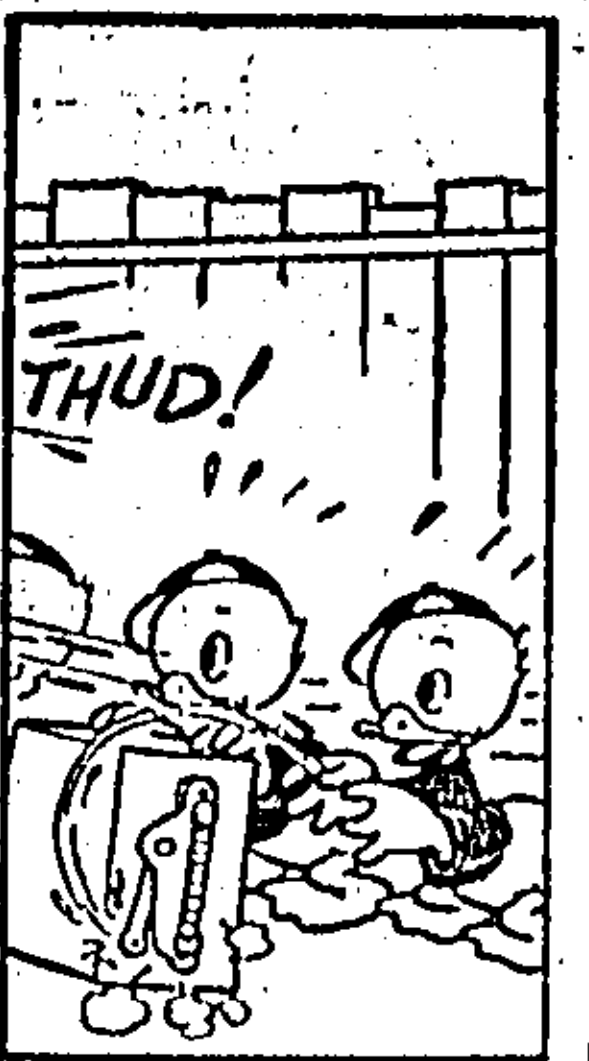
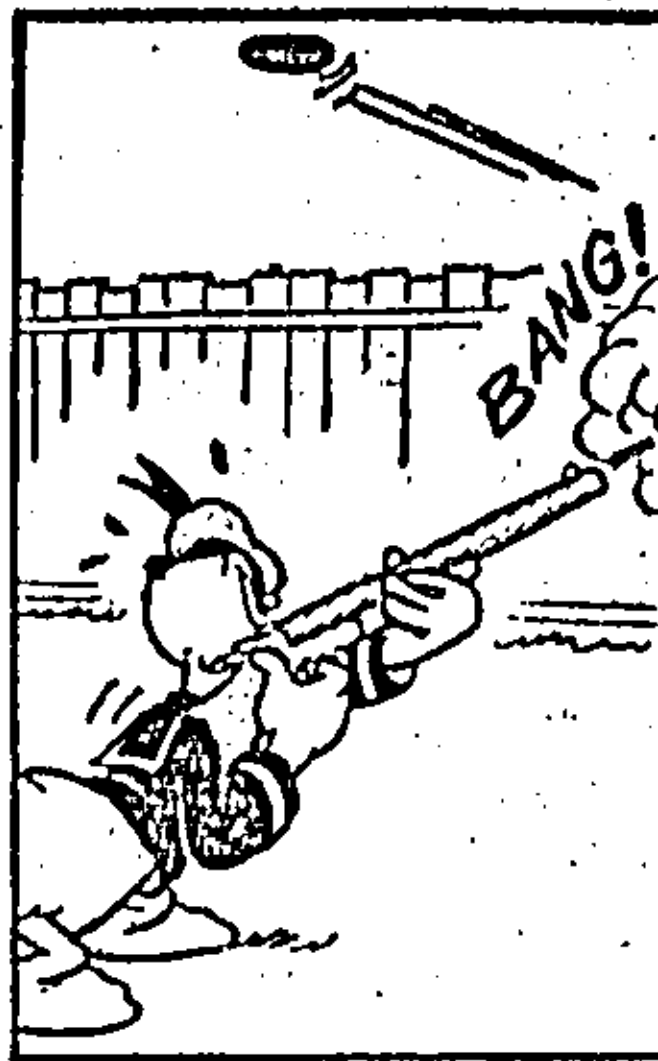
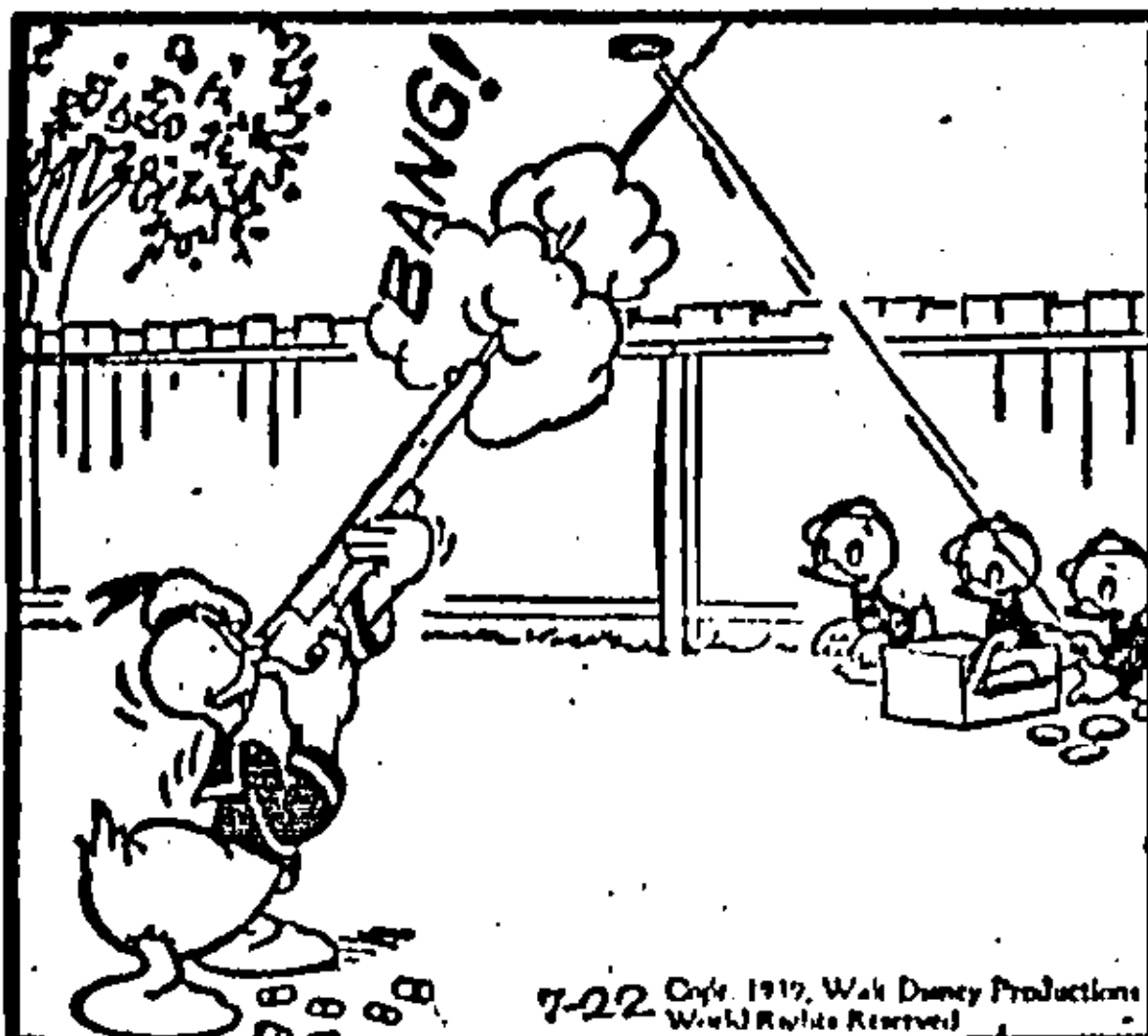
The Afridi is a sister-ship of the famous Cossack, which rescued the

British sailors from the Nazi hell-ship Altmark just prior to the Nazi invasion of Norway.

France's First Loss
The French Ministry of the Navy announces the loss of the 2,340-ton destroyer Bison, which was sunk during a German air attack on an Allied

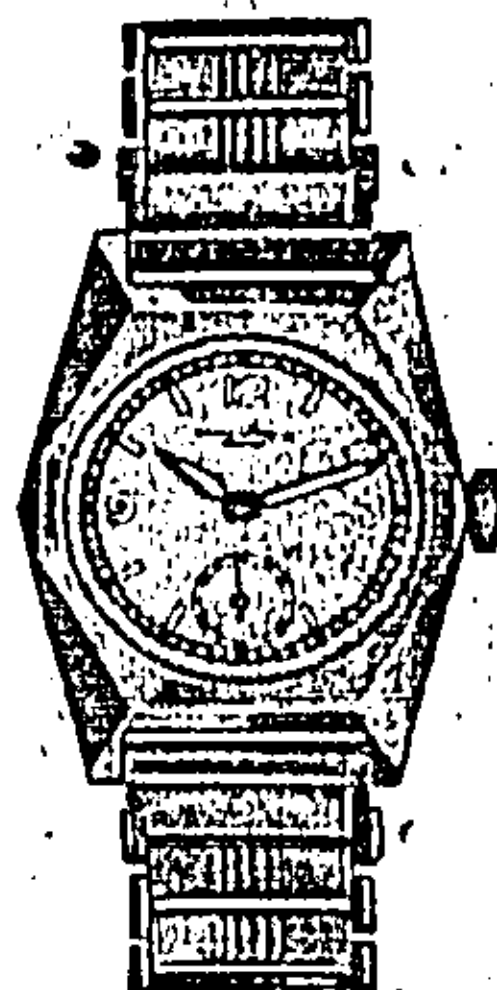
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POST OFFICE

INWARD MAILS

Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 30th April. May 7. Hualphong. May 7. Japan. May 7. Japan and Shanghai. May 7. Java and Manila. May 7. Straits and Manila. May 7. Shanghai. May 7. Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 1st May. May 8. Manila. May 8. Shanghai. May 8. Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 1st May. May 9.

Canada, U.S.A. and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C., date 20th April). May 9.

Canton. May 9. Canton. May 9. Japan and Shanghai. May 9. Manila. May 9. Shanghai, Amoy and Swatow. May 9. U.S.A. and Manila (San Francisco date, 13th April). May 9. Canton. May 11. Japan and Shanghai. May 11.

OUTWARD MAILS

Shanghai and parcels only for Tientsin. 12.30 p.m. Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 15th May.

K.F.O. Reg. May 7, 5 p.m. Ord. May 7, 5.30 p.m. G.F.O.

Reg. May 7, 5 p.m. Ord. May 7, 7 p.m. Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 13th May.

K.F.O. Reg. May 7, 5 p.m. Ord. May 7, 5.30 p.m. G.F.O.

Reg. May 7, 5 p.m. Ord. May 7, 7 p.m. Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A. by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 14th May.

K.F.O. Reg. May 7, 5 p.m. Ord. May 7, 5.30 p.m. G.F.O.

Reg. May 7, 5 p.m. Ord. May 7, 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 8.

Canton. 7.15 a.m. Sandakan. 12.30 p.m. Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"—due Paris, 16th May.

K.F.O. Reg. May 8, 5.00 p.m. Ord. May 8, 5.30 p.m. G.F.O.

Reg. May 8, 5.00 p.m. Ord. May 8, 7.00 p.m. Straits. 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 9.

Straits and Calcutta. 9.30 a.m. Letters. 10.30 a.m. Swatow, Amoy and Formosa. 10.30 a.m. Fort Bayard. 12.30 p.m. Manila. 3.30 p.m.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE INDO-CHINA STEAM
NAVIGATION CO.,
LIMITED.NOTICE OF GENERAL
MEETING

The Fifty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Thursday, 30th May, 1940, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Director, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd May to 13th June inclusive.

By order of the Board,
JARDINE, MATHESON &
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General Managers.
Hongkong, 16th April, 1940.

THE CANTON INSURANCE
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Notice to Shareholders

The Fifty-ninth Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Wednesday, the 22nd May, 1940, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1939.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 8th May to the 22nd May, 1940, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON &
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General Agents.
Hongkong, 1st May, 1940.

STOCK MARKET
REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says:

Nibblings were again made in the investment area, otherwise conditions continue quiet.

Buyers

H.K. Banks \$1,480
H.K. Fire Ins \$171
Realities \$4,400
Lane Crawford \$814
Sincere \$2,300
Win Powell \$14
Entertainments \$7,200

Sellers

H.K. Fire Ins \$175
Lands \$37
Trams \$17,600
Electricity \$6434
Dairy Farms \$22

Sales

H.K. Banks \$1,405
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Lands \$384
Trams \$17,35
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A Look Through
The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

An American writer, saying that many careful observers of financial affairs, national and international, look with misgivings upon the monetary situation in England, and some of them are predicting that the present craze for speculative investments will end in a disastrous panic, in which not only Great Britain and her colonies, but the leading nations of Europe and America will suffer severely.

There is not much danger of Queen Victoria abdicating the throne of England in favour of Albert Edward of Wales as long as she lives. In spite of the frivolities of his early life, Albert Edward (later King Edward VII) has always been the favourite child of the Queen. When, some months ago, the youthful Emperor of Germany came here and received the honours of the army and the salutes of his own and the British fleet as a monarch, it undoubtedly touched the sympathy of the mother in the Queen to see her first son as yet only a Prince, and lowered down in the social scale than the head of the Hohenzollerns.

25 YEARS AGO

Sir Edward Grey, replying to various questions regarding the Japanese demands on China, stated that no recognition had passed between America and Great Britain on the subject.

Sir Edward declined to make a definite statement concerning the Japanese demands on China, pending the conclusion of the negotiations in Tokio, but he emphasized that concessions granted by China, could not be transferred to a subject of another Power without the consent of the Government of the concessionaire.

Mr. C. A. Gladstone, of the Flying Corps, is reported missing. Mr. Gladstone was a master at Eton and is a son of the Rev. Stephen Gladstone. He has two brothers serving with Indian regiments.

The "Vossische Zeitung," the "Berliner Tageblatt" and the "Lokalanzeiger" contain pessimistic articles on Italy's attitude, and confirm the reports that Austria-Hungary recently made fresh proposals in the hope of satisfying Italy. They admit that the situation has become most grave in the last few days, and even hours, and assert that if no reconciliation is impossible, the German empire will meet the new situation undismayed.

The following information has been received from home regarding the disposal of the following who left Hongkong on the Nubia on January 9 to join the New Armies:—

C. E. M. Olive, W. Ladd and N. C. Chinnick, have joined the 2nd Battalion Royal Fusiliers (Frontierman's) R. I. H. Fairley and C. West have joined East Kent Regiment (The Buffs) and H. A. Jones has joined Army Service Corps as a Clerk, and W. M. Stevens has joined the 2nd Battalion.

Mr. H. G. Dixey, who left in the Hiram on January 13 last with the same object, has obtained a commission in the 1st North Midland Brigade R.F.A. (T.F.) as 2nd Lieutenant. He was an ex-cadet of the Oxford University Officers Training Corps.

10 YEARS AGO

The batting strength of the Australian Test team was again a subject for comment today. Australia compiled a total of 365 runs for the loss of five wickets. There were two centuries in the innings, Richardson being exactly a hundred when his wicket was taken. Braham, however, has now 185 runs to his credit and is not out.

This morning's London newspapers record the 20th anniversary of the coronation of the Throne of His Majesty King George. There will be no special celebrations apart from the fact that the King will be 60 years of age today. Gun salutes at Hyde Park and Windsor.

Miss Amy Johnson, who is aged 22, left Crofton at 8.40 this morning in a tiny Moth aeroplane, the "Jason," in an attempt at a solo flight to Australia.

5 YEARS AGO

Brilliant weather favoured the naval and military review at Happy Valley this morning, which formed the major event of today's Silver Jubilee celebrations. Large crowds gathered to witness what was a most spectacular scene, marked only by the fact that the review was participating had to be carried off by ambulance men, having collapsed before the parade began, due to standing in the blazing sun for about an hour.

The review was in charge of Lieut. Col. R. E. Hindson, Officer Commanding the 2nd Battalion Royal Welch Fusiliers, and the salute was taken by H.E. the Governor Sir William Peel who accompanied by H.E. Major General O. C. Barrett, G. O. C. China Command, Brigadier General Smith and Colonel H. C. Harrison, inspected the forces on horseback.

LESSONS BY
WIRELESS

Lord Crewe presided at the annual general meeting of the British Institute in Paris, which was held recently at the London Office, Old Burlington Street.

The Ambassador in Paris, Sir Ronald Campbell, was elected president; Sir Eric Philips, the late Ambassador, and Dr. Granville-Barker, the late director of the Institute, were elected vice-presidents; and Mr. D. S. Townroe, honorary secretary.

Sir Henry Pelham, chairman of the finance committee, gave a report on the decision to reopen the Institute last autumn, when it was learned that the University of Paris continued to be available for study in Paris.

Mr. Hugh Selson, the director, stated that there were already several hundred students at work in the Institute, and that the provision

Nazi Bomb
Blew
Captain
Off Bridge

IN hospital in a south-east coast town recently was Captain Michael O'Neill, master of the British 5,439-ton cargo ship Barnhill, injured when a bomb from a German plane blew him off the bridge.

It was moonlight when the attack was made. The ship was set on fire but the blaze was put out and the vessel is now in safety.

First thing Captain O'Neill said when they got him ashore was "Where is my wife?" Mrs. O'Neill, grey-haired, told by telephone at her home in Formy, near Liverpool, that her husband was ill, caught the next train south.

Four of the Barnhill's crew were killed: First Officer Rothwell, killed by his captain's side; Third Officer Steward; Chief Steward Adams; and Ordinary Seaman Housman. They died when the last of three bombs hit the ship and set it on fire.

Another man, Engineer D. Bertram, died in hospital. Survivors got away on rafts, were picked up by a Dutch ship and taken off by a lifeboat.

Wife Knew Ship

When Mrs. O'Neill reached London on her way south she found that the last train to the coast that night had gone and continued her journey by car. She said:

"When I arrived I did not know what had happened to my husband, but as I drove into the town I could see a ship on fire out at sea. I guessed it was my husband's ship. I recognised the mast."

"In the Spanish civil war he took refugees from northern Spain to France, and ran food through the blockade into Barcelona. I stayed in France so as to be near him."

"He was in scores of air raids. His ship, the Thorpe Bay, was hit once."

"Danger never worried him: he enjoys it. He went all through the last war, commanded a fleet of trawlers mine-laying and mine-sweeping in the Adriatic."

"They gave him the Italian V.C.—it's called the Order of the Crown of Italy—and the French Legion of Honour."

"Although he's very ill—he's forty-nine—he's worrying about going back to sea. 'Is this the end of the sea for me?' he asked. I told him he had better get well before thinking about ships."

of lessons over the wireless for British troops in France was greatly appreciated.

He also referred to the arrangements made for a series of public lectures to be given in Paris this spring under the auspices of the Institute, beginning with an address by Lord Samuel.

LANCELOT
—IN KHAKI

From BERNARD GRAY

STATIONED in a village behind the line in France is a young British officer who now has to answer to the name of "Sir Lancelot."

And all because of a well-meaning aunt who lives in the North of England.

A heavy parcel arrived for him one day. Like all parcels to the B.E.F. it bore a label describing its contents. This label said: "Bullet-proof waistcoat."

At that time the young officer's unit hadn't heard a gun go off.

"Going Crusading!"

"Wearing your waistcoat to-day, Sir Lancelot?" the others would ask him, or "Going on a crusade or something?"

Sir Lancelot became more and more self-conscious about his armour. Back home the fond aunt was hoping it would save his life.

He spent all his time trying to get rid of it. Four times he threw it away and four times it was returned.

Can't Bury Name

The members of his mess just wouldn't let him lose it. "Your aunt would be terribly upset," they said.

Late one night he went out into a field, took with him a spade—and the waistcoat.

There it stays underground and gone for ever. But the name is a different matter. He can't bury that. He'll be Sir Lancelot for the rest of the war.

Soldier with Divining
Rod Discovers Roman
Relics Under Barracks

TWENTY-THREE FEET below Kensington Palace Barracks a soldier, using a divining rod, has discovered what is believed to be a Roman building with walls four feet thick.

The 27-year-old discoverer, Acting Company Sergeant-Major J. L. Latham, told how he had spent his spare time for several years on the work.

Occasionally he found himself the object of embarrassing attentions, as when he carried his divining rod through the basement of a big Kensington High Street store during the mid-season sales.

There Were Legends

His interest was originally roused by legends that the barracks were "honeycombed with mysterious passages" and that years ago "tunnels had been explored."

Mr. Latham, from being a sceptic, began to see the possibilities of divining, or radiesthesia, as it is known scientifically, and at length he was able to "pick up" the line of the ancient walls and trace a complete map of the building.

It happened that a section of the walls ran under an unfloored basement in the barracks, and it was decided to dig there. At 23 feet down the spade struck walls which were found to be exactly the width, shape and composition foreseen by the soldier.

Rare coins of Henry VIII, and James I, now mounted in the officers' mess, were discovered as well. These he was able to identify himself, as he is an expert on old coins, and a Fellow of the Royal Numismatic Society.

One In Three Has Power

Radiesthesia has a great future, he believes. If it is studied here with the seriousness which it receives in France. In his experience, one person in three has the latent power of divining.

He foresees the time when horticulturists, by means of the divining rod, will "match" soil with the particular needs of particular plants, and dieticians will be able to match foods with the content or demand of a given human body.

A.C.S.M. Latham has been in the Army since 1933. He is a serious horticultural student and has done much antiquarian research work. The outbreak of war interrupted his studies for a degree at King's College.

NAZIS — AND
A BRITON

BLYTH, Northumberland coastal town, recently honoured with a full military funeral three German airmen picked up in the sea.

A quarter of a mile away, almost at the same time, an unknown British sailor who had been washed ashore was buried in a pauper's grave by the local Public Assistance Committee.

Crowds followed the coffins of the fallen Germans; the British sailor, whose life had been lost in the service of his country—he may have been the hero of a naval engagement—went to his last resting place unrecognised, uncared for.

Mr. Winston Churchill, the Lord, will be asked to explain this unfortunate contrast.

What About Our Men?

Mr. R. W. Sorenson (Soc. Sec. W.) will ask "Whether, while preserving the traditions of Britain respecting the treatment of enemies killed in war, he will take steps to make sure that British seamen be accorded dignified and considerate interment."

"Don't, please, think I want to stop honouring German airmen who are brought down," Mr. Sorenson told the "Sunday Pictorial."

"But what about our men? Think of that sailor buried as a pauper in Blyth. Washed ashore, unknown. He was the man whom Blyth should have honoured as a hero."

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Lieut.-Colonel Anthony John Mulholland, of Haslebury House, Great Haslebury, Oxon., Conservative M.P. for Wells, who was found shot, has left £133,288 11s. 1d.

MAGAZINE PAGE

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"It's an insult, the wages they offer—what do they think we are, college fellas!"

The gang's all here!

By P. L. MANNOCK

ONE night in May, 1917, I went to see "Bubblly," one of the best revues of the war, at the Comedy Theatre. As I opened the programme a printed slip fluttered out, normal foreboding that some principal was "off."

Sure enough, "owing to the absence of Mr. Jack Hulbert, his part will be played by—," who cared? Hulbert had joined the Army, and we had to make the best of an understudy.

Within ten minutes of the understudy's appearance, people were groping for the slips they had thrown away. "This fellow's damned good. What's his name?" Mr. Jack Buchanan—never heard of him.

Within two months Jack was a big star. The other night I watched him delighting a huge Army audience. Like others who shot to fame during the last war, he is as good as ever.

IT is remarkable how many who delighted us then are still doing so, their powers undimmed. There is, for example, Leslie Henson. It is hard to believe that 24 years have flown since his sudden arrival at the Gaiety in "To-night's the Night," succeeding the late Teddy Payne.

For years Henson has held an annual reunion party of those who were with him in the remarkable entertainments behind the lines in 1918, which culminated in full-dress productions at a theatre in Lille.

He intends to repeat his good work this time, and I cannot think of anyone who will be more welcome.

IN a terrific spectacular revue of 1915, "Watch Your Step," a landing part was in the hands of Lupino Lane, then later graduated from the halls as a boy tumbling comedian.

For many months this jolly, cherubic, agile little man has been exploiting "The Lambeth Walk" in the Victoria Palace show "He and My Girl," and his free shows to soldiers have included a complete transportation of the production to Windsor and back.

George Graves, veteran dispenser of fruity chatter, was also in "Watch Your Step," and lately retired from the Victoria Palace cast.

MASTER showman and impresario C. B. Cochran introduced us in 1914 to delectable Alice Delany in the first British intimate revue, "Odds and Ends."

This glamorous, fascinating creature became a star overnight. Former midwife and wife of the Anglo-French comedian Harry Fregon, she epitomised Parisian allure and grace.

I shall never forget her on the Pavilion stage on the hysterical Armistice Night of 1918, draped in a Tricolour flag and weeping with happiness. To-day you may see this delightful artist as leading lady of the new Criterion comedy, "French for Love," first of London's new wartime plays.

"All quiet during the night. We repelled a number of enemy raiding parties."—Official War Communiqué.

THE advance listening post lies about eighty yards from the edge of the forest.

From it runs a shallow, zig-zag communicating trench to the main front-line trench skirting the forest to north and south.

The post is a strip of deep trench about fifteen feet long, and along its full length runs a fire-step. Its surface is nearly two feet above the trench floor—boards and about four feet below the parapet.

The post is a sombre, brooding little world in the hours just before dawn—a still world held in the velvet grip of the lifting mists.

Suddenly, there is a faint throb out there. The soldier stills his ears. His eyes, and his mind, strive to pierce through the grey-dark to reach the faint noise.

For perhaps a minute his brain, eyes and body strain, yearning towards the spot from where he imagines the sound to have come. Then, decisively, he nudges his rifle stock to his shoulder, and the sharp, whip-like cracks of rifle-shots stab through the still coldness of the early dawn.

The effect of the rifle shots is like that of a pre-arranged signal. Far to the East, miles behind the enemy's known front line, brief yellow flashes stab their way towards the sky. Seconds later their breaks loose behind and to right and left of the small post.

THE canvas cloth of the dugout is thrust violently aside, and the men of the post stumble uncertainly out to the duckboards, then on the post fire-step.

Behind and to right and left of the post the crash of shells punctures the dawn with livid flashes of light.

From the main trench skirting the forest, Very lights shoot into the air, and burst into coloured multiples, screaming a desperate SOS to the artillery far behind.

In the post, lining its length of fire-step, nine men stare grimly into the misty grey in front. Silently, efficiently, hand-grenades are passed along from hand to hand and placed at each man's feet.

The bursting of shells behind and to right and left tell them a plain story. They are the objective of an enemy raiding party.

The bayonette hangs them in on three sides. They can expect no assistance from their main trench; retreat is impossible.

The sentry who gave the first alarm first sighted the enemy. He points towards a moving grey mass seen vaguely some forty yards beyond the barbed wire of the post.

"There they are," he shouts. "Just over by those fallen trees!"

German experience in Poland, and our own bitter practice against German airfields in Norway and Denmark points to low dive-bombing as the only reliable target.

The German JU87 and Henschel HS123 dive bombers massed against Polish air force on the day war broke out. Afterwards they smashed up the Warsaw aircraft factory, Lvov railway station, and heavily damaged Modlin fortress.

10-CENT FARE TO HEAVEN

"PEOPLE give to God what they would blush to give a porter for a tip."

This remark was made a short while ago by a Purley vicar commenting on the fact that people who went to church, expected to find a bright, well-kept place awaiting them and a smiling parson at the door to greet them, without thinking where the money for such things was coming from.

The last monthly returns of the offertories made in the great St. Paul's Cathedral in London, would indicate that the "penny" church-organ is still much in evidence.

On a recent Sunday, the collection for the expenses of the service in the Cathedral amounted to the enormous total of £47s. 6d.



HOT WHILE IT LASTED

A number of the men fire rapidly into the grey mass, now breaking up into swiftly moving forms. The corporal's voice breaks through the pandemonium of crashing shells, rat-tat-tat of machine-guns, and crack of rifles. "Go easy! Get ready to give them a dose of bombs when they're within distance."

EVEN as he spoke the front rank of the grey mass resolved into distinct forms, looming threateningly up about twenty yards from the wire. The corporal's voice breaks through again. "Give it to 'em," he yells. "Give 'em all you've got!"

As he speaks he tears out the pin of his bomb and flings the Mills into the advancing mass. The others followed the corporal's action. Crash, crash, crash, rip the grenades, and a number of grey forms fling up despairing arms as they collapse, their cries of pain cutting through the welter of mad sound.

Other grey forms come on. With grim, desperate courage, they ignore their fallen comrades and bear down relentlessly on the post. From among them arms shoot up holding canister grenades, and these come hurtling towards the post. Most of them burst near the wire, scattering a fury of metal and shrapnel over the defenders.

One of the men of the post makes a gurgling noise, his mouth opens, then, with a surprised gasp, he topples over and crashes to the duckboards.

The grey forms are now up against the wire, hunking man in the thirties, breathing heavily through an open mouth, crashes forward before the others.

He trips on an out-wire, strives frenziedly to regain his balance, then sprawls awkwardly at full length across the wire.

For a moment his pain-wracked eyes glare at the defenders of the post. His eyes hold fear, hatred, and appeal, then they flum over and his body sags loosely.

Britain Needs Low-Dive Bombers

(By A Military Correspondent)

German decoy tricks are endless. Five raiding aircraft flew high over Norwegian anti-aircraft batteries. Suddenly two (the dive bombers) broke formation and dived. The A.A. gunners, believing these two airplanes hit, fired steadily at high level. Three planes flying at high level, obliterated a battery, and zig-zagged away at low altitude.

Our Falvey "bottle" monoplane and Westland Lysander Army co-operation machines can be used for dive-bombing. But since they are not fitted with diving brakes to steady themselves, their aim lacks precision.

The only real dive bombers in Britain's Air Forces are the Blackburn "Skuas" of the Fleet Air Arm. Their diving brakes check diving speed to 250 m.p.h. Two hundred Douglas naval dive bombers are on order from the United States.

The Nazi dive bombers, being short range machines, have hitherto been unable to attack targets such as British coastal defences. But (i) The new Nazi Norway bases are a good deal nearer. (ii) Longer range dive bombers will certainly be built. (iii) The Italians already have them. (iv) The French targets are within easy reach of the Germans.

The wise French have foreseen this. They have built underground aircraft factories. The Nazis are reported to have many more.

France is training companies of parachute troops, intended to

across the wire. And now comes a new contribution to the ear-splitting orchestration of sound. Shells begin to crash in No-man's land behind the attackers. The defenders' artillery is responding in answer to the Very light SOS from the main trench. The post is completely boxed-in by vicious, livid bursts of high explosive.

In the post men use rifles and firing hand-grenades in the knowledge that they are playing out the last few seconds of the drama of dawn.

Victory and defeat are in the balance. Seconds will decide whether the venture against death will be recorded as a successful raid or a repulsed raid.

And in that knowledge, edged with its implications, they strive like men possessed, in blind, sullen desperation.

The attackers wade through the mire; some try to cut at the wire with cutters, while here and there a grey man hammers blindly at the wire with a rifle-butt, hoping to flatten its crisp and prickling curls with blunt violence.

Some of the attackers keep lobbing over hand-grenades; others fire blindly with their rifles. And the defenders keep firing stubbornly.

THE conflict ends suddenly. One moment the attackers are there, struggling against the wire; the next they have melted away.

They could be seen running through the dawn mist towards their own lines. Some half-carry, half-drag wounded comrades.

For about a minute they remain in sight, then disappear behind the loose curtain of shell bursts from the defending artillery.

As they disappear the terrifying crash of shells begins to die down. The barrage flags to spasmodic bursts, then to occasional crashes, and finally all noise ceases and quiet holds the dawn in thrall.

In the post the corporal is compiling an inventory. The right-side-of-his-unshaven face is dotted with blood, and he limps slightly as he moves across the squelching duckboards.

For a moment he stares bleakly towards the East. Then, speaking as if to himself, he comments in a dry, flat voice: "Two dead, three injured. Ten Jerries on the wire and others, maybe, further out. It was short, but, God, it was hot while it lasted!"

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Sir Neville Henderson

INSTALLMENT 11

August, 1939. The quarrel between Germany and Poland had reached deadlock. War was near. Negotiations for a pact between Britain and Russia were still dragging on interminably.

Then came the bombshell. Russia had made a pact not with Britain but with Germany. Sir Neville Henderson, British Ambassador in Berlin until the outbreak of war, today describes Hitler's truculent jubilation at his new "triumph."

FROM the outset, I regarded the British negotiations with Russia as something which had to be attempted, but which lacked all sense of realities.

I never believed in any effective or altruistic assistance being afforded by the Russians to the Poles.

The most that I hoped was that if the U.S.S.R., however half-heartedly, joined the peace front, Hitler would regard discretion as the better part of valour and come down on the side of peaceful discussion.

But I always believed that Moscow's chief aim was to embroil Germany and the Western Powers in a common ruin. This was, up to August, similarly the professed view of all Germans, from Hitler downwards, who commented on our Russian negotiations.

I raised this point with Hitler himself when I saw him at Berchtesgaden on August 23.

Ribbentrop was at Moscow on that day engaged in signing the Russo-German Treaty, and Hitler expatiated to me triumphantly on the value and great advantages of the new alliance, which, he said, was definite and permanent.

"Britain drove me to Stalin"

I reminded him of his previous attitude towards the Soviets, and expressed the opinion that he might find Russia's friendship even more dangerous than her enmity.

CARTOON BY STRUBE



PETS GROW UP!

Excuse for STALIN PACT

I added, speaking quite personally and on purely moral grounds, that if an agreement had to be made with Moscow for whom Communism was now merely the cloak for intense nationalism and whose ulterior motives seemed to me highly suspicious—I had rather Germany made it than ourselves.

Hitler was for a moment confused and taken aback. He retorted, however, that it was all our fault; it was we who had driven him into Russia's arms.

But it was the answer of a man who was seeking to excuse himself.

At the beginning of the month, the silence between Berlin and Warsaw and the lack of progress in our talks at Moscow were not the only indications that the barometer might suddenly and rapidly fall.

Apart from the deterioration of the situation at Danzig, the Ger-

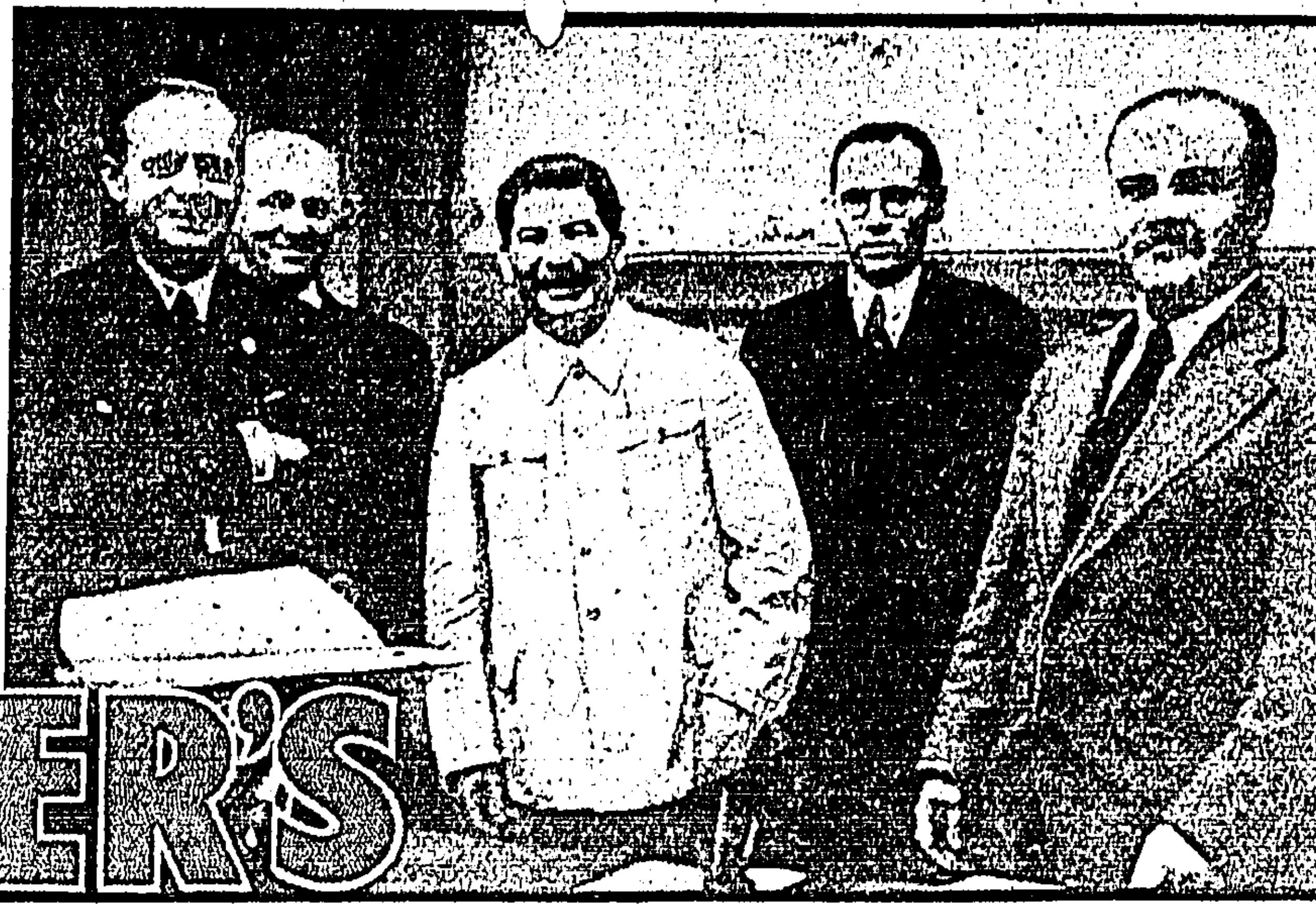
man Army was rapidly nearing the completion of its pre-mobilisation preparations.

The arrangements for the Tannenberg celebrations on August 27 were proceeding systematically, and men and material were being steadily drafted eastwards via Königsberg into East Prussia.

Hitler would shortly be able to choose his own moment for precipitating the crisis, and I was more than ever certain that the last week of August would prove to be zero hour.

Colonel Beck was at this time inquiring what instructions the British and French Governments proposed to give to their ambas-

These extracts are taken from the book of Sir Neville Henderson entitled "Failure of a Mission," published by Messrs. Hodder & Stoughton, Ltd.



After signing the Russo-German pact—Ribbentrop (on left), Stalin (centre), and Molotov (right).

dors regarding the Nuremberg Rally in September.

The Polish Ambassador, whose position in Berlin had become entirely equivocal, would conform, he said, with whatever was decided as regards his British and French colleagues.

Mobilisation in secret

When I was asked by the Foreign Office what my views were on this point, my answer was that it was still quite uncertain whether the 1939 Nuremberg Party Day would ever take place at all, but that, if we did safely reach September, I would have no hesitation in gladly attending some at least of the celebrations there.

But would we get to September in safety? That was the only consideration which was exercising my mind at that time.

As it was generally understood that Hitler would himself be present and would speak at the Tannenberg anniversary, and as I feared that he would make that occasion the starting point of the crisis, I did my best to find out something about his intentions with regard to that speech.

I could discover nothing, and, in fact, I was probably mistaken.

Hitler's action was not to be dependent on a speech.

The Tannenberg anniversary was merely cover for his military preparations against Poland. Just as the military review for the Vienna anniversary in March had been for his Prague coup.

The clouds were, in fact, gathering fast, and the first mutterings of the storm were heard on August 4.

A Polish note to the Danzig Senate had led to a provocative German verbal note to the Polish Government, and the terms of the Polish reply provided Hitler with a motive for the indispensable brain-storm.

Up to that week of notes, public enemy No. 1 was still Great Britain and her alleged policy of encirclement.

From that date the stories of Polish atrocities and references to German honour began to take the leading place in the German newspapers.

The 1938 stories of Czech atrocities against its German minority were rehearsed up almost verbatim in regard to the Poles. How far Herr Hitler himself believed in the truth of these tales must be a matter for conjecture. Germans are prone in any case to convince themselves very readily of anything which they wish to believe. Certainly he behaved as if he did believe, and, even if one gives him the benefit of the doubt, these reports but served to inflame his resentment to the pitch which he or his extremists desired.

It is impossible to exaggerate the malign influence of Ribbentrop, Goebbels, Himmler and company.

It was consistently sinister, not so much because of its suggestiveness (since Hitler alone decided policy) nor because it merely applauded and encouraged, but because, if Herr Hitler appeared to hesitate the extremists of the party at once proceeded to fabricate situations calculated to drive Herr Hitler into courses which even he at times seems to have shrunk from risking.

So, before long, Hitler's carefully calculated patience was exhausted. On August 18 I telegraphed to Lord Halifax that I had come to the definite conclusion that, if peace was to be preserved, the present situation could not be allowed to continue, and that the only alternative to war must be some immediate and mediatory action.

My pleas to the Cabinet

In this connection I repeated a suggestion which I had made some time previously, namely, that a personal letter should be addressed by the Prime Minister to Hitler and be delivered by some emissary from London.

Two days later I again telegraphed to the same effect, and stated my conviction that Hitler

had now finally decided upon some form of immediate action which would force the issue.

I alluded to the increased German military strength which had been assembled in East Prussia under cover of the Tannenberg anniversary, and again expressed my apprehension lest that celebration might prove the starting point for the action which Hitler contemplated.

I have little doubt that such was Hitler's original and premeditated intention.

A few days later, definite information, in fact, reached me that the long-expected but carefully concealed German military concentrations were already in progress, and that instructions had been given to complete them by August 24.

One report actually mentioned August 25 as the date fixed for the German advance into Poland.

I believe that the orders to that effect were actually signed by Hitler.

The truth undoubtedly was that by this time, not only were Germany's military preparations sufficiently advanced for Hitler to take the initiative, but also he could now definitely count upon Russia's complicity in his infamous designs against Poland.

What was the Russian price?

The exact date on which he was able to do the latter will be, for obvious reasons, one of the most interesting points which history will have to reveal to us. That and the price, moral and material, which Hitler paid for U.S.S.R. complicity.

In any case, so far as the rest of the world was concerned, it was late in the evening of August 21 that the bombshell was exploded, announcing that negotiations had been concluded for the signature of a Russo-German non-aggression pact and that Ribbentrop would fly to Moscow on August 23 to sign it.

The secret, which on the German side had been known to not more than a few persons, had been well kept.

The first impression in Berlin was one of immense relief, partly at the removal of the dreaded Russian air menace, but more particularly because the public had been led to believe by Goebbels' propaganda that the British negotiations with the U.S.S.R. were really encirclement with a view to a preventive war.

The conclusion of a Russo-German non-aggression pact therefore meant that peace was assured, since Britain would not, it was told, fight for Danzig or Poland without Russian aid.

Once again the faith of the German people in the ability of their Fuehrer to obtain his objective without war was reaffirmed.

Its satisfaction was, however, short-lived and the deception considerable when it was realised that Britain's word to Poland did not depend on Russian support.

Those who had fought the war of Nazism against Communism were furthermore puzzled by this complete volte-face.

The Nazi theory of racial purity had been discarded in March and in August the second of its basic principles, namely, anti-Communism, was thus equally relegated to the scrap heap.

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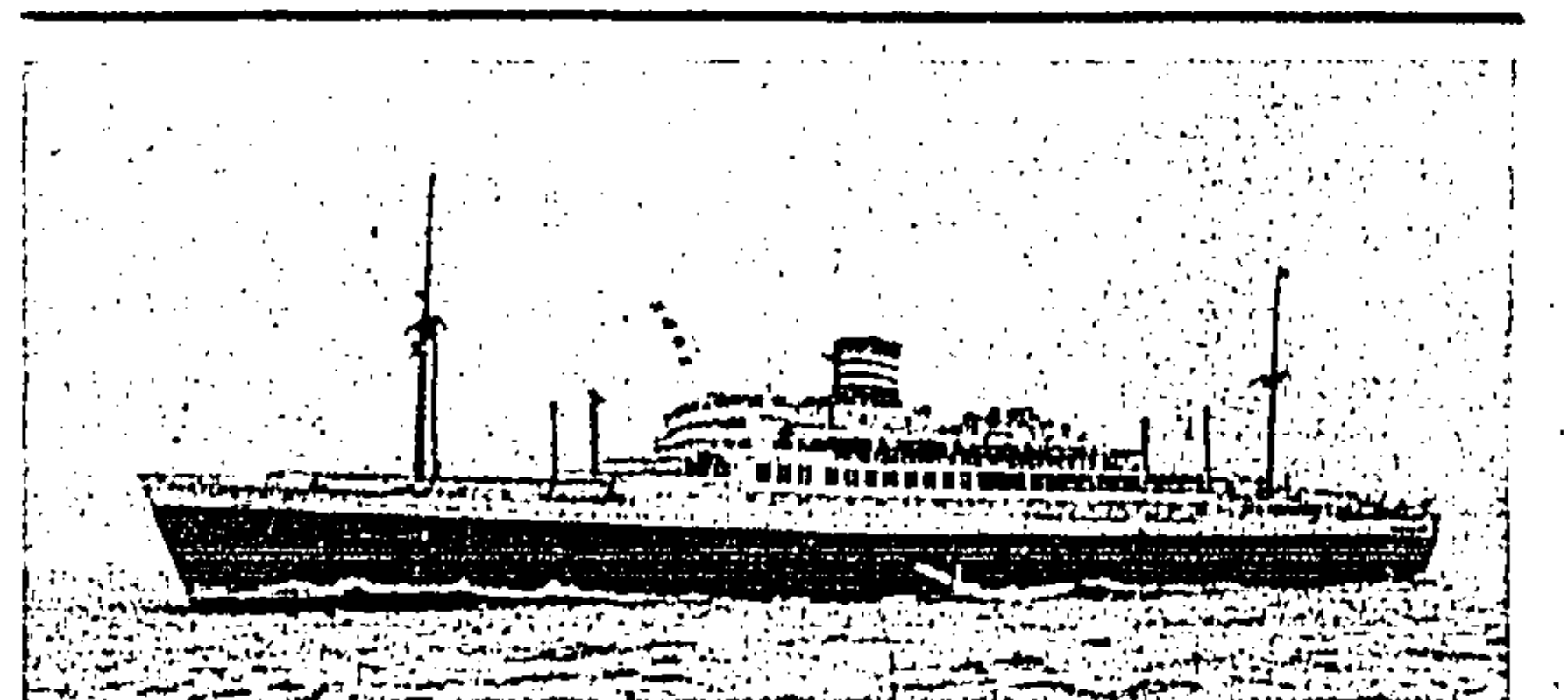
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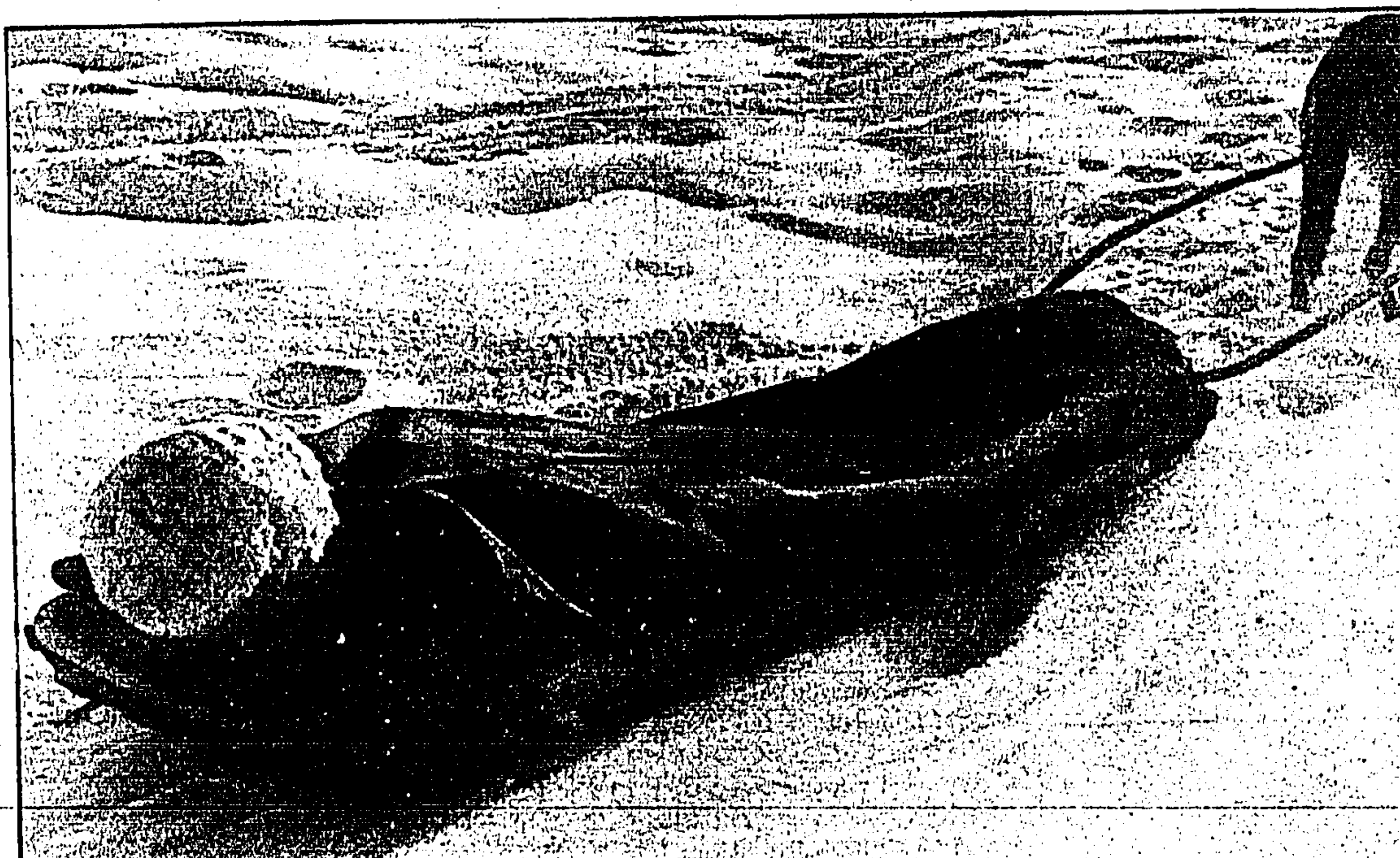
The Allied withdrawal from Southern Norway adds to the risk of a German invasion of Sweden, which could be accomplished in the south without risk of Allied inter-

vention. Sweden, biggest and most important of the Scandinavian countries, has her armed force standing by ready for any eventuality. All available dogs have been mobilised, and

troops are busy training them to bring back possible casualties to the base. Although it is still necessary for men to lead them, it is hoped that the dogs will soon be able to lead themselves.



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1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Compositions of Tchaikowsky.

2.15 Close Down.

6.09 Dance Music.

6.58 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.00 Studio—Talk on Tchaikowsky with musical illustrations.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Popular Variety.

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11.00 Close Down.

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Mr. R. S. Harrison, who has been Hon. Treasurer of the Association since 1930, has tendered his resignation to the Board of Directors, as he is shortly leaving the Colony, reports the Y.M.C.A. Monthly Notes.

Mr. H. F. Phillips, sub-agent at Kowloon of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, has consented to join the Board as Hon. Treasurer.

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DEATH

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The
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Lion and The Uniform

A recent question in the House of Commons seemed to indicate that many British soldiers would welcome a relaxation of the order—that forbids them to appear in civilian clothes, when on leave.

The days are gone when the uniform could be reckoned one of the great attractions that induced a man to take the King's shilling, when the recruit, having attained to all the glory of scarlet tunic and gold braid, might feel something of the elation of Gilbert's character, who confessed:

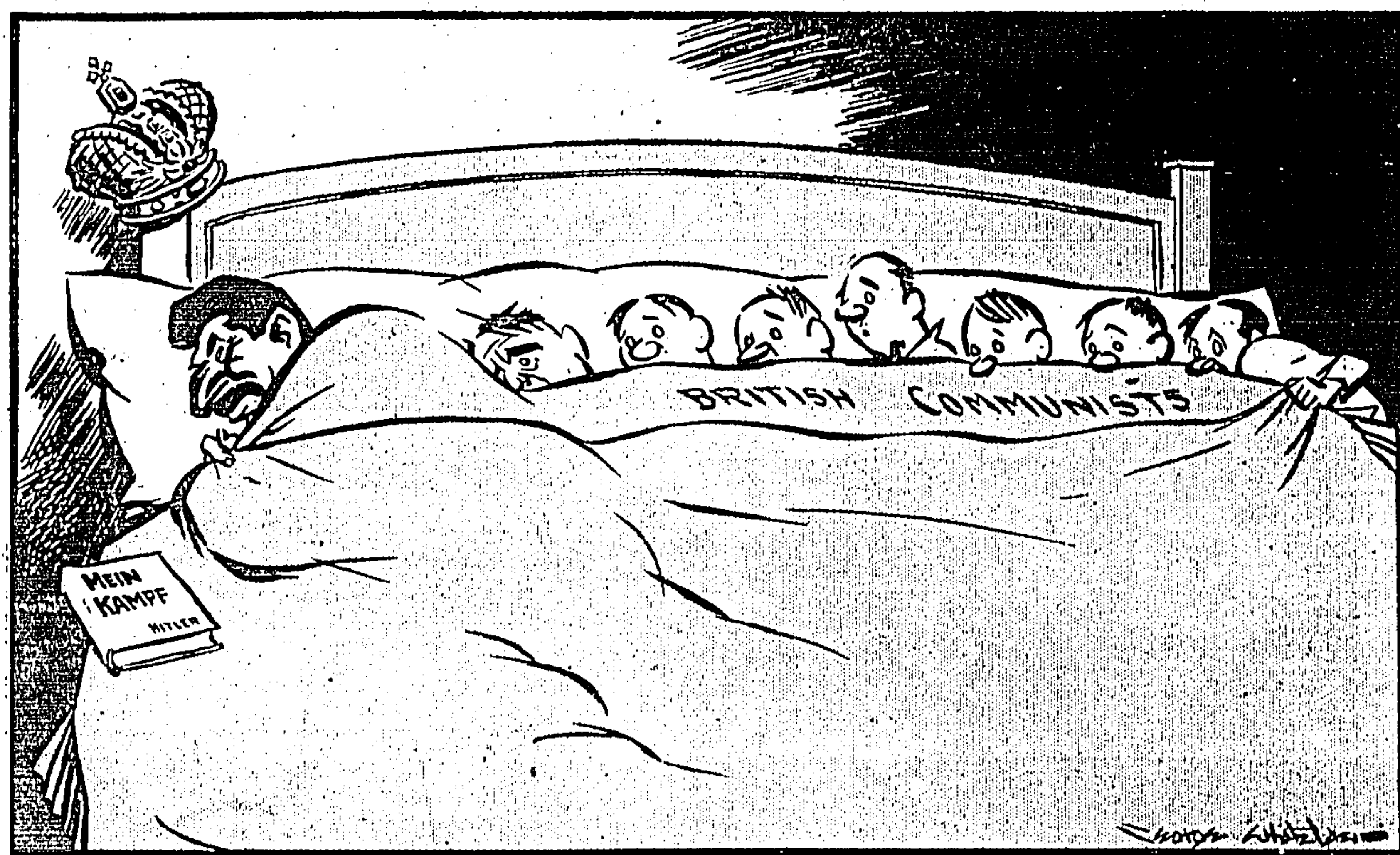
When I first put this uniform on
I said, as I looked in the glass,
"It's one to a million
That any civilian
My figure or form will surpass."

For the King's uniform, no less honoured than in the past, is considerably less decorative than it was; and though the new "battle dress" is of course very fashionable wear at the moment, it is hardly what the tailors' advertisements call "natty suiting."

Then again, times have changed as well as uniforms: At Home the British soldier of to-day is usually a civilian performing an unwished-for duty, and not of the type who takes tunics for splendour and pants for glory. However much a lion in action, he does not like the arrangement that when

The lion in his uniform is fighting for the crown.
The lion wears his uniform all round the town.
For his natural preference is for the role of a citizen devoted to peaceful pursuits. And, it does seem that he might be allowed to dress the part on a holiday.

STRUBE WILL REAPPEAR TO-MORROW



"WHEN FATHER SAYS TURN, WE ALL TURN!"

I Sailed with Angus McLeod..

Through the North Sea Zone

BY A. J. McWHINNIE (Our Naval Correspondent)

IT'S surprising whom you meet when you are in a war-ship, far out in the North Sea, watching the war from a ringside seat.

I met Angus McLeod, of Stornoway, for instance—both of him.

I have just landed at an East Coast port after a voyage through nearly 1,000 miles of the world's most dangerous sea. The warship has been conveying long lines of merchantmen to British ports for the unloading of holds crammed with your food.

One dark night, well out from shore, I went on the bridge with the men of the middle watch. The ship was rolling heavily.

The wind howled. It was icy cold.

Look Out!

On each wing of the bridge a hooded, muffled, look-out man peered through the chilled, inky blackness of the North Sea night.

"Wreck to starboard, sir," And sometimes the other would follow with, "Darkened ship ahead, sir."

Both those look-out men were named Angus McLeod.

Do you remember the peace-time story of Angus McLeod? I wrote it just more than five months ago on the sunny afternoon of a fine summer's day when the first of the Naval Reserves were being called up as an emergency measure.

We weren't at war then.

"Here, Sir!"

I went to Portsmouth to watch the first arrivals, answering the emergency summons to serve their country.

In a crowded room at the R.N. Barracks a petty officer bellowed the name, "Angus McLeod."

And ten men stepped smartly forward. They all came from the Hebrides.

The war came. I often wondered what had happened to the ten Angus McLeods. I know now. For these two Angus McLeods were among the ten who reported for duty at Portsmouth.

Since that sunny, peaceful day at Portsmouth they have been places. And they have seen strange things.

Together they have voyaged through nearly 15,000 miles of danger, risking nearly every pore of the war at sea can throw up.

Week in and week out they have been creeping gingerly round the mine-fields, guarding and guiding the merchant ships bringing goods to Britain.

Night after night they have been roused when off watch by the ship's alarm bell. They are as accustomed to answering the call "action stations"

Do You Remember This Picture?



It was in the "Telegraph" on August 1, and showed Scots naval reservists reporting for duty at Portsmouth. Ten Angus McLeods were there, and there are now 200 Angus McLeods in the war at sea.

as the landlubber is to obeying traffic signals.

There have been times when Nazi planes have roared overhead. That is why the brass fittings of their war-ship which once sparkled in the sun and the moonlight are never polished now.

At times a U-boat has been detected in the vicinity on the secret "Adic" apparatus. A moment later the McLeods have been helping to send depth charges crashing and roaring under the seas.

I have seen the McLeods at the sun.

But through all these things no one ever saw an Angus McLeod bat an eyelid.

Sea Cemetery

If you have never been to sea in war-time you have never felt the sadness of seeing a nautical cemetery.

All over the vastness of the water which separates this island of ours from the rest of Europe there are wrecks.

Their half-submerged funnels and masts look like sunken tombstones, rocking and swaying mournfully with the wind and the waves.

It is out there, in the North Sea, that you realise what Nazi aggression really means. You see the victims of Hitler's murder mines—ships like the Simon Bolivar. I saw her, too.

But, whether they see Nazi mines, German planes, wrecks, flares dropped from the skies, find themselves blanketed in fog or rolling, pitching and tossing in wild seas, or suspect that U-boats are near, the two McLeods never seem to change the look on their rugged, Western Isle faces.

Only for five minutes on that 1,000-mile trip did I see their faces relax. That was during the five minutes separating 1939 from 1940.

It was Hogmanay. The Captain had called all Scotsmen off watch to join him.

The two McLeods and all the other Scotsmen raised their glasses to their captain and their ship. And he raised his glass to them.

Little Sleep..

It wasn't long after that the alarm bell was ringing through the ship. Among those who climbed out of their hammocks were two Angus McLeods.

I watched them trotting with the rest of the ship's company to "action stations."

As they passed along the pitch-black deck of the ship they promptly adjusted their new inflatable rubber life-jackets. They sleep and work in them. The old cork life-jackets are not being worn this war.

It didn't seem possible, as the ship became alive with men passing to their stations, that so short a time before they had been wishing each other a Happy New Year.

After this 1,000-mile trip to see the war at sea I know something about disturbed sleep. The men of the Royal Navy are almost getting accustomed to lack of sleep by now.

There must be an art, I suppose, in sleeping in your clothes with a rubber life-jacket under your coat all the time. It is an art which, for nearly a thousand miles, I failed to master.

.. And No Baths!

Ship's officers have their baths only when in port. There is never a moment at sea when they can be certain that the officer of the watch won't have the necessity for sounding the alarm.

That shrill summons has to be answered almost in seconds.

★ ★

If you look round the coast you may see one of the Angus McLeods walking jauntily through your main street when his ship is in port.

But, for the same reason that I cannot reveal the name of the ship in which I sailed, he will have only the letters H.M.S. on his sailor hat.

And if any enemy agent thinks he can discover which ship these particular Angus McLeods sail in he will be making a foolish guess.

Besides the two I have been with, there are another 200 Angus McLeods playing their part in Britain's war at sea.

Too old to fight—

from Sydney Smith

An airport near London. I watched a flight of brand new eight-gun Hurricane fighters take off from here this morning, piloted on a delivery flight to their first R.A.F. active service stations by civilian fliers whose average ages were between thirty and forty years.

Among those pilots were an ex-stockbroker, a company director, a building contractor, a commercial traveller, a flying club instructor and some wealthy peacetime owner-pilots.

They were some of the forty peacetime pleasure and commercial pilots who have just passed through the R.A.F. Central Flying School, and taken a three months' course learning to fly the biggest and fastest machine the R.A.F. needs.

The flying club-men of 1939 have become the wartime ferry-pilots of 1940. They are qualified to fly thirty-eight different types of military and training machines.

Wherever the R.A.F. needs its new aircraft delivered the A.T.A. pilots, some of them men who fought their first air battles on the Western Front twenty-five years ago, are delivering them to-day.

I visited the A.T.A. squadron earlier this morning at their headquarters to see them begin a day's work.

Take a haphazard sample of those pilots and you find men like these: Wal Handley, T.T. motor-cycle rider; Rupert Bellville, the Etonian bullfighter who flew in Spain during the civil war; Philip Wills, London shipping merchant who holds the British height and long distance gliding records; and Sidney Cummings, Brooklands racing motorist. One of the pilots, a flier of the last war, has only one hand. But he is qualified to fly any single-engined warplane for delivery, Spitfires included.

The veteran of the squadron, who flew "box kites" and Blériots before 1914, is forty-six-year-old Captain Norman Edgar, founder and director of Western Airways. To-day he is still fit to deliver new Hurricanes and Blenheims to the R.A.F.

—but still serving

REALISM NEEDED

British Press And The Norway Situation

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—The British press to-day did not give much space to speculations about Tuesday's debate in the House of Commons, most of the papers being content to put forward their own views.

Opinions differ, but they have a thing in common—their insistence on absolute realism.

The "Daily Express" says that we may be confident but we must not be complacent.

Government's Duty
The "Daily Telegraph" says that it is the Government's duty to give a full explanation of everything that has happened. The public is waiting with an open mind, perplexed by various questions to which an answer is expected.

It may well be that Government has a complete answer. In that case, it will enjoy the continued confidence of the people.

There is little suggestion in the British press that Government was wrong to attempt the expedition to central Norway, but some papers, such as the "Labour" "Daily Herald," say that if Government knew that it was such a difficult job, it ought not to have made such complacent statements.

Under-Estimating Enemy
The "News Chronicle" believes that the first humdrum months of the war have lulled us into under-estimating the enemy. That complacency is the only thing which can lead us to defeat.

Under the heading, "A Warning and An Opportunity," an editorial in the "Times" discusses the organization machinery of the Government, a subject the paper has been dealing with during the past few days.

Labour Party's Duty
The main effect on the people of the withdrawals from Norway, says the "Times," has been to stiffen their determination to make a greater effort than ever before. There has been a setback and the leading conclusion is that there is room for improvement.

An important requirement would be to broaden the whole basis of the Government by having in it members of the Labour Party. The Labour Party will be in the Government before the war is over, says the "Times." It is now the Labour Party's duty to put forward candidates for office.

No Trace Of European Girl

Disappearance From Peak Residence

Up to the time of going to press this morning, nothing further has been heard of Miss Olive R. Rowan, a Scots woman, who disappeared from No. 505 The Peak, last Wednesday.

Miss Rowan arrived in the Colony last January on the "Empress of Asia" and had since then been a guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Harriman.

A qualified nurse, she left No. 505 The Peak last Wednesday for Kowloon to inquire after a position. Nothing more has been heard of her.

When she failed to make an appearance Mr. Harriman made a report to the Gough Hill Police Station. Central Charge Room this morning stated that no further report on her disappearance had been made.

Allies Must Win War

Vital To U.S. Interests Says Chicago Paper

CHICAGO, May 6 (Reuter).—The important Mid-Western newspaper, "Chicago Daily News," declares in a front page editorial that the United States' national interests demand an Allied victory.

The newspaper says: "We see the greatest military power in Europe on the verge of securing command of the sea in European waters. We unhesitatingly sense what this means for us. It ought to make us realize that the more we aid the Allies by supplies, credit and acquiescence in blockade measures, the less will be the danger of our having to become a belligerent."

What Defeat Would Mean
The paper added that a German victory would necessitate American seizure of British and French islands in the Caribbean to protect the Panama Canal.

It would also force the United States to aid Canada and the Latin-American republics to maintain their independence against German aggression.

FLYING BOATS DAMAGED

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—It is stated at the Air Ministry that two Sunderland flying boats anchored off the coast of Norway on Sunday were damaged by machine-gun fire in an attack by German planes.

The German claim to have shot down two Bristol Blenheim bombers is described as quite untrue.

Want To Be A Film Star?

Chance For Hongkong's Carbos And Cablos

HONGKONG residents of any nationality, old and young, are required by the Man Sang Film Company to appear in their latest production.

The film is called "Shai Gin Fah" and deals with the activities surrounding the Boxer Rebellion of 1900.

A large number of well-known Hongkong residents are taking an active part in the picture.

Already many have consented to take certain major parts in the film.

To Be Screened Here
It is learned that among them is Miss Irene Arltuh, well-known Hongkong dancer.

Some of the Colony's leading amateurs on the stage will make their film debuts in "Shai Gin Fah."

The leading role is being handled by Miss Peiping Lily Li, once famed as the "Mata Hari of China."

It is hoped to screen "Shai Gin Fah" at the 'King's Theatre in about six weeks.

'Daily Worker' To Pay £14,000

Libelled Trade Union Leaders

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—Sir Walter Citrine and six other members of the General Council of the Trades Union Congress have won a libel action in the King's Bench Division against "The Daily Worker."

The plaintiffs alleged that "The Daily Worker" had in articles last December imputed that they betrayed the interests of the Trade Union movement by wartime co-operation with the Government and employers while pretending to safeguard the interests of workers.

The defence was a plea for fair comment on matters of public interest.

Sir Walter Citrine was awarded £300 damages. Four plaintiffs were awarded £200 damages each and the two other plaintiffs were awarded £150 each.

DESTROYERS SUNK BY ENEMY

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transport convoy in the North Sea on May 3.

The entire complement of 209 were saved.

It is officially announced by the Polish Government that the 2,144-ton Polish destroyer Grom was sunk by bombs whilst engaged in operations off Norway.

One Officer and 65 ratings are missing and are presumed dead.

The Grom, together with other units of the Polish Navy which escaped from the Baltic in September, has been actively co-operating with the British Fleet since the beginning of the war.

An offer by the British Government to replace the Grom by another destroyer has been accepted by the Polish Government.

The Grom was one of the newest destroyers in the Polish Navy. She was built at the White Yards at Coves in 1936 and had a normal complement of 180 Officers and men.

Her name means "Thunderbolt."

The Grom was destroyed by a German submarine in the North Sea in February last year, when she was almost cut in two in a collision off the coast of Brittany with the cruiser Georges Leygues.

Twelve sailors were killed and nine missing as a result of the collision. The Grom was successfully towed into port, where she was repaired in time to join the French Navy at the outbreak of war.

In the report of her loss on Friday, the French Admiralty states that she was conveying a troop transport of 100 men which was attacked in the North Sea by enemy aircraft. None of the ships in the convoy were hit but the Grom was sunk.

The Grom was the first French ship to be sunk by enemy action in the present war.

SUBMARINE CAPTURED?

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tails of the capture of a British submarine in the Kattegat.

It says that the submarine was drifting dangerously in the middle of a mined area when German patrol vessels approached.

A German Officer took command. The submarine was towed from the danger zone with the assistance of minisweepers.

The British said that they had struck a mine and the submarine had become incapable of diving and, owing to engine trouble, they were unable to continue their voyage on the surface.

The crew were glad to be rescued, particularly as the ship had been lying at the bottom of the sea some time after the explosion, says the agency.

The submarine has been taken to a German port.

WESTERN FRONT

ALL QUIET!

PARIS, May 6 (Reuter).—To-night's communique states that there is nothing of importance to report.

There was some artillery fire in Lower Alsace.

French Communique
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
PARIS, May 6 (UP).—To-day's communique says the Germans attacked French outposts, one mile from Billes after heavy artillery preparations.

The fighting continues but the outcome is not yet known.

Absurd Nazi Allegation

Norwegian Commander Held, They Claim

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—German allegations that the Norwegian Commander, General Ruze, is kept a prisoner on board a British ship are refuted by an authoritative statement issued in London.

The allegation that from this ship the English sent out a call to the Norwegians urging them to fight on is also refuted.

The statement says that the facts are that General Ruze boarded a British warship at his own request, that the ship was provided specially for him and his staff, and that his subsequent movements had been decided by his own wishes.

He is now on Norwegian soil.

Unscrupulous Stories
LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—The Ministry of Information states: "During the last 36 hours, the German Wireless and news agencies have been spreading unscrupulous stories about impending trouble on the Baltic frontiers. Many of the stories conflict."

"Others issued from Berlin are denied—also from Berlin—an hour or two later after issue. By spreading these stories, Germany seeks to create just that atmosphere of uncertainty which will favour her own purpose."

Goering Going To Bucharest

Diplomatic Activity In The Balkans

BUCHAREST, May 6 (Reuter).—Field Marshal Hermann Goering, who is a Director of the Skoda Works, is daily expected here.

It is understood that the Nazis have been sounding the Rumanian authorities on the proposal that he be elected to the board of the Skoda Company, the trading branch of the Skoda Works, in Rumania.

The Skoda Company owns shares in the principal arms firms of Rumania and is represented on their respective boards.

It is believed that Marshal Goering's brother is seeking this representation but that the idea has already been rejected by the Rumanians.

Turkish Negotiations
BUCHAREST, May 6 (Reuter).—A Turkish economic delegation has arrived here to open negotiations with the Rumanian economic authorities.

The Turkish Ambassador will preside at the talks.

Pope And Portugal
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
ROME, May 6 (UP).—It is officially announced that His Holiness the Pope and the Portuguese Minister on Tuesday will sign a new concordat regulating the religious situation in Portugal and authorising the Pontiff henceforth to appoint Portuguese bishops.

Portugal will be allowed to veto any of the appointees if the internal political situation makes it necessary.

COMMUNISTS ARE CONDEMNED
LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—A resolution condemning the Communist Party has been passed by the National Union of Distributive Allied Workers.

The resolution urges the executive council of the Union and the Labour Party to keep a close watch on any attempts to divide the working parties. Communist influence must be checked wherever found.

The proposer of the resolution said that the time had come to get rid of the silly symphonies the Communist Party plays.

MORE RATIONING FOR BRITAIN
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, May 6 (UP).—Lord Woolton, the Minister of Food, has warned the public that they should be prepared for a reduction in butter and sugar rations.

A shortage of butter has resulted from the stoppage of supplies from Denmark. Sugar ration may also be reduced unless we are certain we are going to have adequate supplies later on in the year."

Anglo-French Unity

Importance Stressed By Liberal Leader

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—Special emphasis on Franco-British unity not only as a condition of victory but also for a just and lasting peace was laid by Sir Archibald Sinclair, the Liberal Opposition Leader, in a broadcast to the French nation on Sunday night.

Just as France and Britain were fighting together in war, he said, they must work together in the eventual peace to make sure that their sacrifices were not in vain.

There would be no relaxation of their effort until the Germans were defeated, but victory alone could not save their people. Only the patient and constructive statesmanship of France and Britain could establish lasting peace.

ENORMOUS LOSSES

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through and suffer the same fate as themselves.

Swedish, he said, would remain neutral as long as she was able to but what the future would bring was a matter for conjecture.

Referring to what had been written about the alleged treachery of the Norwegians and the "Quislings" in the country, Professor Kohlt said that he had not heard of a single instance of treachery.

There were Nazi sympathisers in Norway but no Norwegian traitors.

Roosevelt's Horror
WASHINGTON, May 6 (Reuter).—"The bombing of helpless and unprotected civilians has aroused the horror of all man-kind," says President Roosevelt in a letter to the Annual Convention of the American Red Cross.

"I can assure you of my strongest support for any international convention which will give protection to the civilian non-combatant populations," continues the letter.

Civilians' Sufferings
LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—Photographs of the havoc caused by German air raids on Norwegian towns appeared in the British press today.

The pictures graphically show the wreckage of a town that was once Steinkjer, where only one building is left whole—and that by accident.

The pictures tell more vividly than any words could what the civilian population of Norway has had to endure.

Elverum is in ruins while at Andalsnes the wreckage is shown piled 20 feet high.

POPE'S NEW EFFORTS

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sent war—is indicated by the announcement that the French Ambassador to the Holy See was received in a private audience by the Pope following the visit of the Prince and Princess of Piedmont to-day.

Princess of Piedmont, however, there is every indication of hastening preparations of war.

The handing over of the new 35,000-ton battleship Littorio to the Italian Navy is reported to have been speeded up following the reinforcement of the British fleet in the Mediterranean.

Two other ships of the same series, the Roma and Impero, will be handed over shortly. The first of the series, the Vittorio Veneto, was handed over to the Navy a fortnight ago.

Pope's Intercession
I learn from authoritative quarters in the Vatican that His Holiness the Pope referred to President Roosevelt's appeasement efforts during a 35 minute audience with the Prince and Princess of Piedmont to-day.

The Pope expressed his hope that Italy would not find it necessary to join in the conflict.

Also, according to unimpeachable sources in the Vatican, the Pope informed Mr. Myron Taylor, President Roosevelt's personal representative to the Vatican, that he was in complete agreement with the President's attitude towards limiting the conflict.

The Pope is reported to have said that the moment has arrived to attempt not only to limit the conflict but also to make an effort for some sort of general peace move.

It is reported that the Pope has sent a despatch to Monsignor Cese Omenigo, the Papal Nuncio to Berlin, requesting him to sound out the Berlin Government in this connection.

Blown Up By British Mines

Nazi Ship, Swedish Trawler Aro Sunk

STOCKHOLM, May 6 (Reuter).—A German steamer and a Swedish trawler are reported to have been blown up to-day off Vinga, outside the port of Gothenburg, when 12 Swedish trawlers and the steamer suddenly found themselves among a shoal of floating mines.

The trawler's crew of four were lost but the crew of the German steamer, totalling 35, reached the Swedish coast safely.

HEAVY AIR LOSSES

Complete Superiority Established By R.A.F.

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—A close scrutiny of all available information shows that during the past four weeks German losses in aircraft greatly exceeded those of Britain.

This was so despite the higher risks to which the R.A.F. and Fleet Air Arm were inevitably exposed during the Norwegian campaign.

British losses on all fronts are shown to have totalled 48 machines.

Nazis Lose 200 Machines
Germany, on the other hand, is computed to have lost for certain 138 planes, while as many as 97 others probably have been completely destroyed or put out of action for some time.

These figures are based on Air Ministry and Admiralty announcements, authoritative reports in neutral and Norwegian Press and news agency, and newspaper dispatches received in London.

To these figures must be added the machines destroyed on the ground or at sea during British raids on German air bases in Norway. Of these losses, only the Germans know.

Nazis Fly Over Sweden
STOCKHOLM, May 6 (Reuter).—A German seaplane flew over southern Swedish territory to-day and alighted in the sea at the entrance to the channel which separates Sweden and Denmark.

A ship, called by a Swedish plane, picked up the German plane and her crew.

A German plane made a forced landing in Swedish territory on Saturday near the frontier north of Narvik.

Some foreign planes flew over this territory on Sunday.

BUSINESS QUIET ON EXCHANGE

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—On the Stock Exchange to-day, tomorrow's Parliamentary debate was the main topic of conversation.

Business was quiet and most investors tended to be lower. Japanese bonds were offered at the outset but later were better supported. Initial losses partially recovered.

Gilt-edged holdings strengthened and tea shares met with enquiry.

New York Stock Market
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
NEW YORK, May 6 (UP).—The possibility of a change in the war front is now the biggest worry in Wall Street and the markets would immediately reflect the changes in business any shift would bring.

Outside of the news is scanty, but favourable items dominate the domestic scene.

Hitler Writes To King Of Sweden

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—It has been announced by the German official news agency that Hitler and the King of Sweden had a written exchange of views on the political situation during the latter half of April.

The exchange has strengthened the complete agreement existing on the question of the future policy of both countries in conformity with statements already announced by the German and Swedish Governments, adds the agency.

Captain's Cup Qualifiers

In the Captain's Cup, May qualification competition, held at Fanning over the week-end, P. E. Annis qualified over the Old Course with a score of 93-20=73. There were 21 entries.

J. Lincker qualified over the New Course with a score of 87-15=72. There were 10 entries here.

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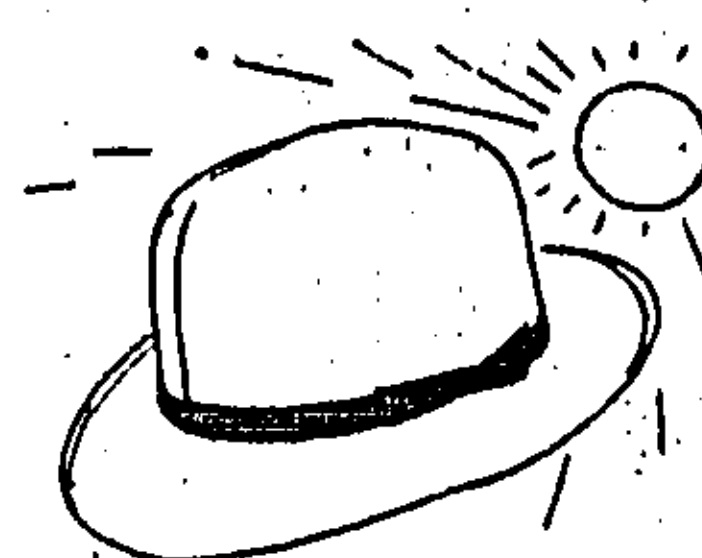


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H.K. ATHLETICS REVIEWED

RECENT MEETS PROVIDE ASSURING FIGURES

An Association Would Be Well Supported

(By "Tinker")

TAKING ALL IN ALL—the state of tracks, the weather and such things—a review of the athletic meetings held in the Colony over the past few months is a pleasant one. The University and the Schools' sports led up to the grand finals—the three-day meet just concluded at Caroline Hill—and the figures that have emerged are of a high standard, and together with the enthusiasm give indication of very healthy support to any Association that would be organised in Hongkong.

One must applaud the initiative the South China Athletic Association have shown in organising the recent Meeting, it has been their second effort, and in so doing have pointed the way towards organised competition in the Colony.

Selecting the outstanding events of the past few months, first and foremost one takes the splendid effort of a Lingnan University jumper who cleared the bar at 5 feet 11½ inches in the High Jump at Caroline Hill on Friday. The only other time I have seen a man get anywhere near this height was seven years ago during the triangular Inter-Varsity meet at Canton—Hongkong—Lingnan—Chung Shan Universities. One of the Chung Shan jumpers then cleared the bar at 5 ft. 11 ins.—which was about four inches above his own height!

Second in prominence was the Javelin Throw of Private Lever in the Army Sports about a month back. He hurled the javelin for 177 feet—a distance that has only once been improved on in Hongkong. The Japanese Olympic athletes when they passed through the Colony in 1937 gave exhibitions at the Kowloon Cricket Club. On that afternoon the javelin was thrown well over 200 feet.

Lever's distance, then, is definitely the record for Hongkong. Incidentally, the mark has only twice previously been bettered in the Army Sports at Home.

Next we would select Ma Tak-kwong's 10 ft. 9½ ins. flight over the bar in the pole vault, together with Capt. Skipwith's 17 seconds' run over the 110 metres high hurdles. Both these marks were set in the

Meet at Caroline Hill. Capt. Skipwith's time would undoubtedly have been better had he not faltered at the start.

D. H. Taylor's 41.1 ft. (approx.) in the Shot Putt was a mighty heave, but I am almost certain that about twelve years ago a fellow-policeman—Inspector Gerard, father of Ronnie Gerard, the Rugby International—tossed the iron ball about 46 or 47 feet.

TRACK CONDITIONS

It will be seen that of these five outstanding feats, four are field events. To the lesser prominence of the running events I would attribute the state of the track. It is, perhaps, unfortunate, that Hongkong's running season is also the rainy season. The track surface at Caroline Hill is far from being firm enough. The cinders for the most part have been ground to a powder, and one can well realise the effect a little rain would have on it all.

Nor are the corners banked or gentle enough, and because of these facts not only does Capt. Skipwith's time (though he ran a straight course) reflect more favourably, but times in the other races are regarded more leniently.

Yet Miss Ip Kam-chen broke the China National record for the women's 50 metres dash!

Miss Ip is a School-girl. It is to the Schools that athletics, like most other sports in Hongkong, must turn. For comparison, I append list of some of the better performances of 1940, setting off Open events against those of the Schools:

Men's Events

100 METRES	
Open	Schools
J. H. Odell 11.3 secs.	R. Lobo (La Salle College) and Lai Chung-wah (Wah Yan) 11.7 secs.
C. Large, in the Diocesan School annual sports ran the 100 yards in 11 secs.	
200 METRES	
Tam Hoi-chuen 24.6 secs.	C. Large (D.B.S. at Inter-School Sports) 24 secs.
	N. Smith (C.B.S.), 24.2 secs.
	A. P. Silva (La Salle) 24.4 secs.
400 METRES	
J. H. Odell 55.3 secs.	Sin Kwok-bun (King's at Inter-School Sports) 57.6 secs.
800 METRES	
Heung Kat-sang 2 mins. 10.5 secs.	J. Rousseau (C.B.S. at Inter-School Sports) 2 mins. 15.3 secs.
1,500 METRES	
P. Manson 4 mins. 44.4 secs.	There has been no School time under five minutes.
110 METRES HIGH HURDLES	
Capt. P. J. Skipwith 17 secs.	Lam Nam student (name unknown) 17.7 secs.
HIGH JUMP	
No Open height.	Lingnan student 5 ft. 11½ ins.
LONG JUMP	
No Open distance.	Lam Nam College 20 ft. 5 ins.
HOP-STEP-AND JUMP	
No Open distance.	Wan Kel-hing (Wah Yan) 41 ft. 4½ ins.
POLE VAULT	
Ma Tak-kwong 10 ft. 9½ ins.	No School height over 10 ft.
JAVELIN THROW	
Pic. Lever 177 ft.	Canton University 131.46 ft. (approx.)
D. H. Taylor 153 ft. 8 ins.	
SHOT PUTT	
D. H. Taylor 41.1 ft. (approx.)	The Schools use the lighter shot.
DISCUS THROW	
D. H. Taylor 118 ft. 6 ins.	The Schools' best is 92.2 ft.

Women's Events

50 METRES	
June Hall 7.4 secs.	Ip Kam-chen 6.7 secs. (record).
100 METRES	
June Hall 13.8 secs.	Ip Kam-chen 13.5 secs.
200 METRES	
June Hall 29.0 secs.	Yvonne Yollo (St. Paul's) 29.0 secs.
LONG JUMP	
June Hall 15 ft. 2 ins.	Best Schools' distance 13 ft. 3 ins.
THROWING THE BASEBALL	
Ma Mok-kit 179.70 ft. (record).	No distance.
JAVELIN THROW	
No distance.	Wo Tai-fai (Pul Ying) 31 ft. 4 ins.
HIGH JUMP	
No height.	Woo Chu-fa 4 ft. 4 ins.

Call-Over For The New Derby

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—Djeber is favourite for the New Derby. The latest call-over is as follows:

6/4	Djeber (o. 7/4 L.)
10/1	Stardust (o)
10/1	Lighthouse (o. 100/8 L.)
100/8	Tantimieux (o)
100/8	Pair Test (o)
100/7	King of Trumps (o)
100/7	Hipping (o)
20/1	Pont le Vague (o. 25/1 L.)
20/1	Golden Penny (o)
20/1	Paquest (o)
20/1	Furane (o)
20/1	Black Tont (o)
20/1	The Druid (o)
25/1	Golden Tiger (o)

PLACE BETTING

2/1	Stardust (o. 9/4 L.)
9/4	Lighthouse (o)
3/1	Tantimieux (o)
3/1	King of Trumps (o)
3/1	Hipping (o)

Football

Sing Tao Sports Club Enters Association: Success In Saigon?

AN APPLICATION by the Sing Tao Sports Club for membership to the Hongkong Football Association was allowed by the Football Council at its monthly meeting yesterday.

Tribute To Rugger International

LONDON, At the inquest held on Prince Alexander Obolensky, the Rugby International, a verdict of accidental death was recorded. He was killed when the single-seater aeroplane he was flying overturned as he was landing. Prince Obolensky, who was 24, was a pilot officer in the R.A.F.

The inquest was held in private according to Air Ministry instructions, at an East Coast aerodrome and there was no jury. Medical evidence was given that his injuries included a fractured skull and dislocation of the neck.

ALL-BLACKS' TRIBUTE

FELLOW PILOTS and a number of well-known rugby players were present at the funeral of Prince Obolensky. He was accorded full military honours. A wreath was sent by the New Zealand Rugby Football Union and the All-Blacks team of 1935-36, whom Obolensky helped to beat with two memorable tries for England at Twickenham.

Poor Attendance At Week-end Spoon Shoot

A VERY POOR ATTENDANCE, only 19 members, turned out for the Hongkong Rifle Association's spoon and practice shoot at Stonecutters Island last Saturday.

Net spoons were won by J. A. Guard, of the Dockyard Rifle Club. In the aperture sight section with a score of 93, while R. Tynemouth, of the same Club, topped the open sight section with 87.

To-morrow's shoot at the Kowloon City Range will commence at 1.45 p.m. and will be from 200, 500 and 600 yards.

The final shoot of the season will take place on Sunday, May 19, the programme being arranged by the Hongkong Naval Volunteer Force.

Leading scores were as follows:	
Aperture Sight	Open Sight
Mr. J. A. Guard 93	Mr. J. A. Guard 87
Mr. R. Tynemouth 87	Mr. R. Tynemouth 87
Mr. J. G. Biles 85	Mr. J. G. Biles 85
Mr. H. E. Blake 84	Mr. H. E. Blake 84
Mr. R. Jeffery 83	Mr. R. Jeffery 83
Mr. J. Tynemouth 82	Mr. J. Tynemouth 82
Mr. J. F. Cole 81	Mr. J. F. Cole 81
Mr. J. J. Hesp 80	Mr. J. J. Hesp 80
Mr. H. A. Evans 79	Mr. H. A. Evans 79
Mr. V. R. J. Merrett 78	Mr. V. R. J. Merrett 78
Mr. H. E. Jones 77	Mr. H. E. Jones 77
Mr. R. N. Medhurst 76	Mr. R. N. Medhurst 76
S.B.A. W. L. Harrington 75	S.B.A. W. L. Harrington 75

Joint Junior Champions Still Hope To Play-off

(By "R. Abbit")

I HAD NOT THOUGHT that I should be writing any more cricket this season, but the I.R.C. Second XI and the Police are most anxious not to let the Junior Shield be shared. I turned up shortly before 2 p.m. on Saturday last, as I was advised that the match would be played if at all possible. I had promised to umpire!

Manchester U. Trounce New Brighton

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—The following were the results of English and Scottish Regional soccer matches played to-day:

English

WESTERN	
Manchester U. 0	New Brighton 0
Portvale 1	Stoke 2

Scottish

EASTERN	
Falkirk 0	Dunfermline 0

The teams turned up gallantly, but the heavy drizzle steadily persisted, and playing under such conditions would have been farcical. At 2.30 the captains decided to call the match off.

I am informed that every endeavour will be made to play the game off on Sunday next, when, if circumstances allow, I shall hope to stand at one end, while presumably Sgt. Denyer, who was to have stood last Saturday, will be with me.

I sincerely trust that there will be a fine day. If so, I shall hope to write some account of the match on Tuesday next.

Kwong Wah Sports Meet Well Attended

THE WEEK-END SPORTS meeting of the Kwong Wah Association attracted an enormous number of members and friends, approximately 700 being present at the Police football ground, which had been loaned for the occasion.

It was a tribute to the organisation that despite these numbers, the whole meet was most efficiently conducted, and the novelty and handicap races that constituted the programme made the day a most successful one.

The results were:
100 Yards Handicap (Members)—1. Victor Wong, 2. Wong Man-kwong, 3. Chung Fai-lam.
Egg-and-Spoon Race (Ladies)—1. Miss Cecilia Lee, 2. Miss Edith da Rocha, 3. Miss Liu Shui.
Egg-and-Spoon Race (Members)—1. A. R. de Pinna, 2. Phoon Fook-thong, 3. Chen Man-kei.

Wheelbarrow Handicap (Members)—1. Liu Ting-kai and Lee Hong-ming, 2. Chung Shun-cheung and Fong Shun, 3. Kwok Kam-cheung and Chu Yui-fai.
Potato Race (Members)—1. Law Fook-choi, 2. Lung Chi-lap, 3. Wong On-lan.
Potato Race (Ladies)—1. Miss Edith da Rocha, 2. Miss M. G. Alves, 3. Miss Fanny Alves.

Sack Race, Handicap (Members)—1. Lam Ching-fong, 2. Chin Chi-lun, 3. Y. A. Loureiro.
Ladder Nomination (Members)—1. Wong Wah-gay and Miss Fong Sit-wan, 2. Cheung Kit-choi and Miss Wong Sit-fong.
Three-Legged Handicap Race (Members)—1. Lam Ching-fong and Lung Chi-lap, 2. Liu Ting-kai and Lee Hong-ming, 3. Phoon Fook-thong and A. R. de Pinna.
Seven-a-side Tug-of-war—winning team: Chung Kim-fai, Lee Kwok-kee, Chin Chi-lun, Lau Tin-pui, Wu Yai-chen, Tang Kam-yung, John Law.
Children's Handicap—1. Master Eddie Loureiro, 2. Miss Nina Carvalho.
The prizes were presented by Mrs. W. J. Brown.

League Rugger

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—Swinton trounced Broughton by 28 points to nil in a Rugby League match played to-day.

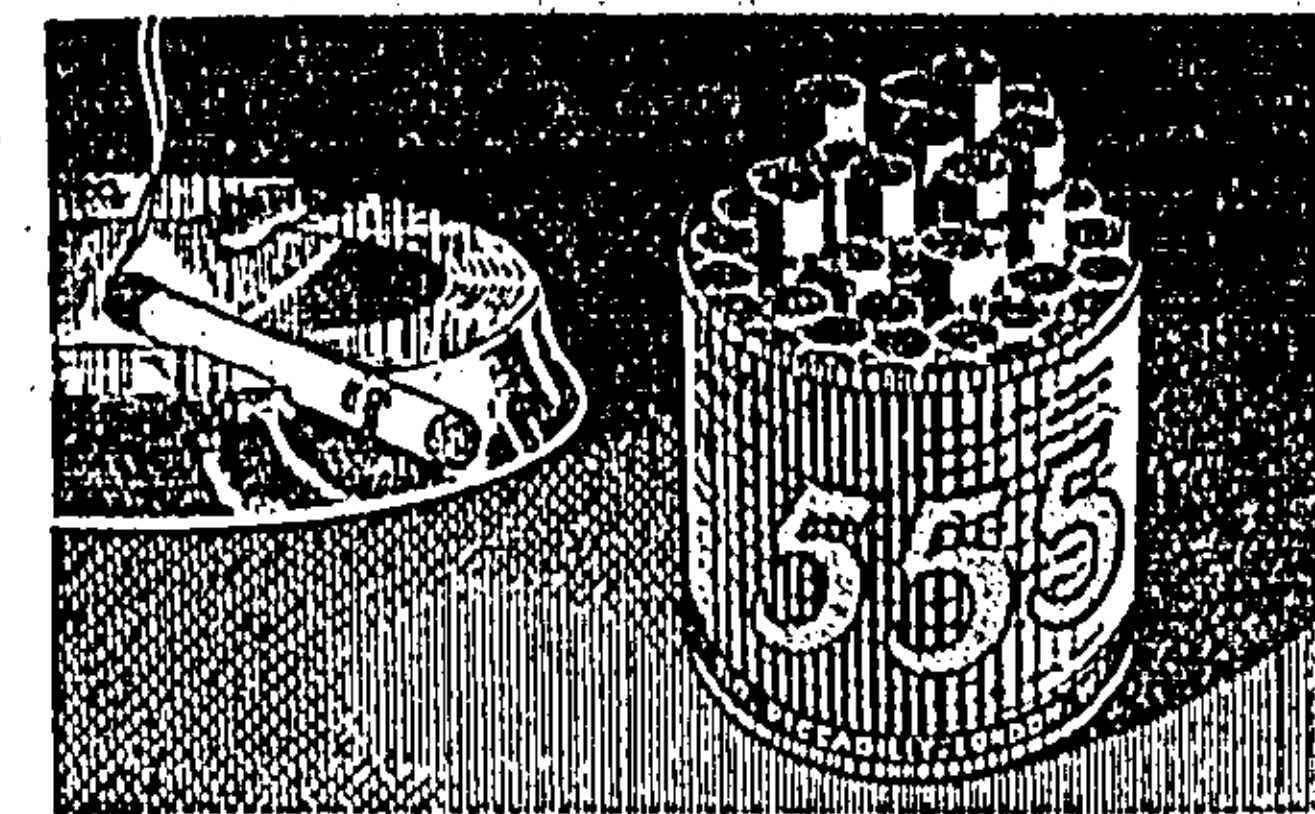
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THE FIFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 11th and MONDAY, 13th May, 1940, commencing at 2.00 p.m. on Saturday, and at 12.30 p.m. on Monday.
The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. on the First Day and at 12.00 NOON on the Second Day. The Tiffin Interval will be after the second race (1.00 p.m.) on the Second Day.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE
The temporary green cardboard badges are now cancelled and will no longer procure admission to the Enclosure.

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The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27704) will close at 11.45 a.m. on the First Day and at 10.45 a.m. on the Second Day. Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920).

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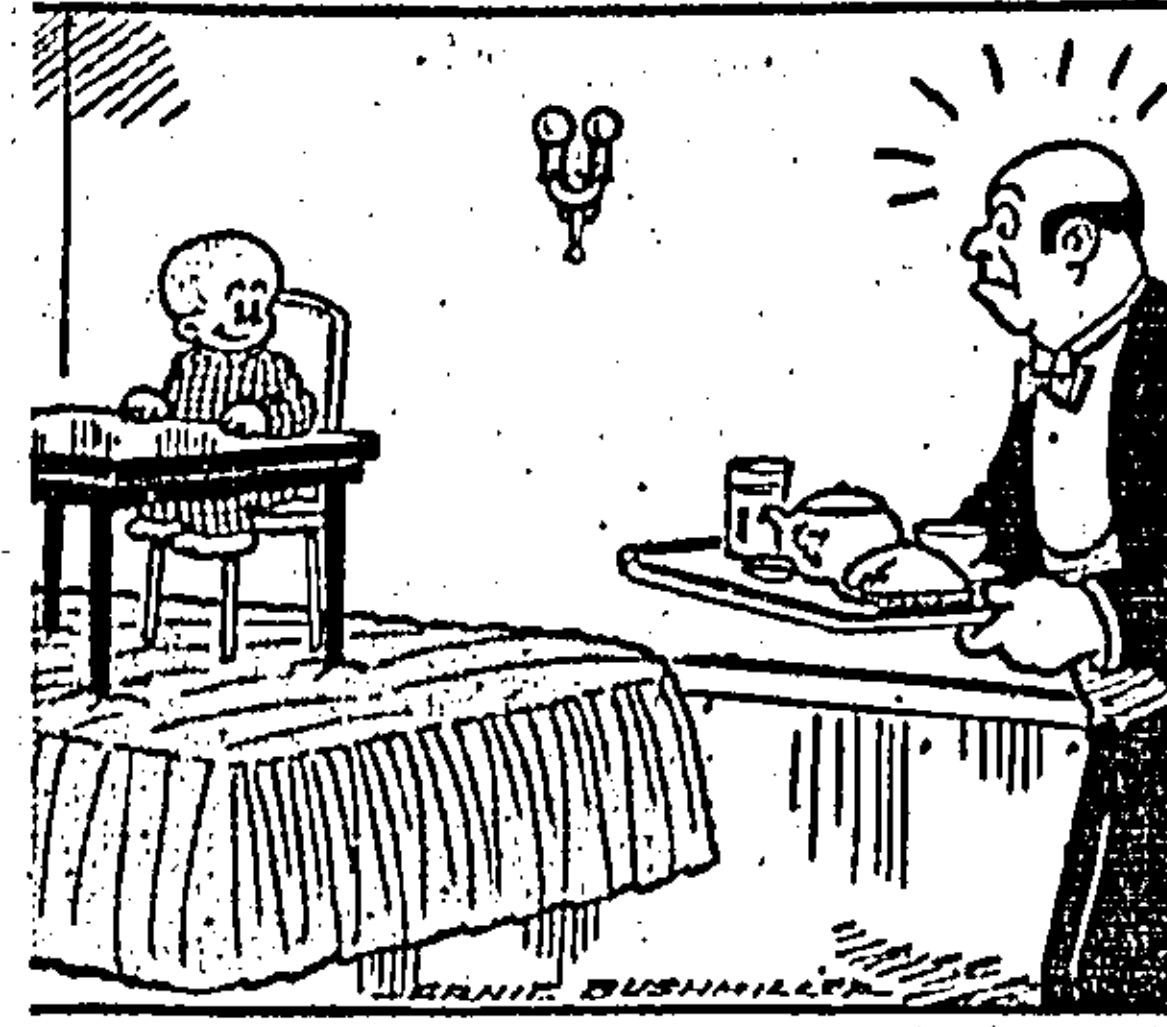
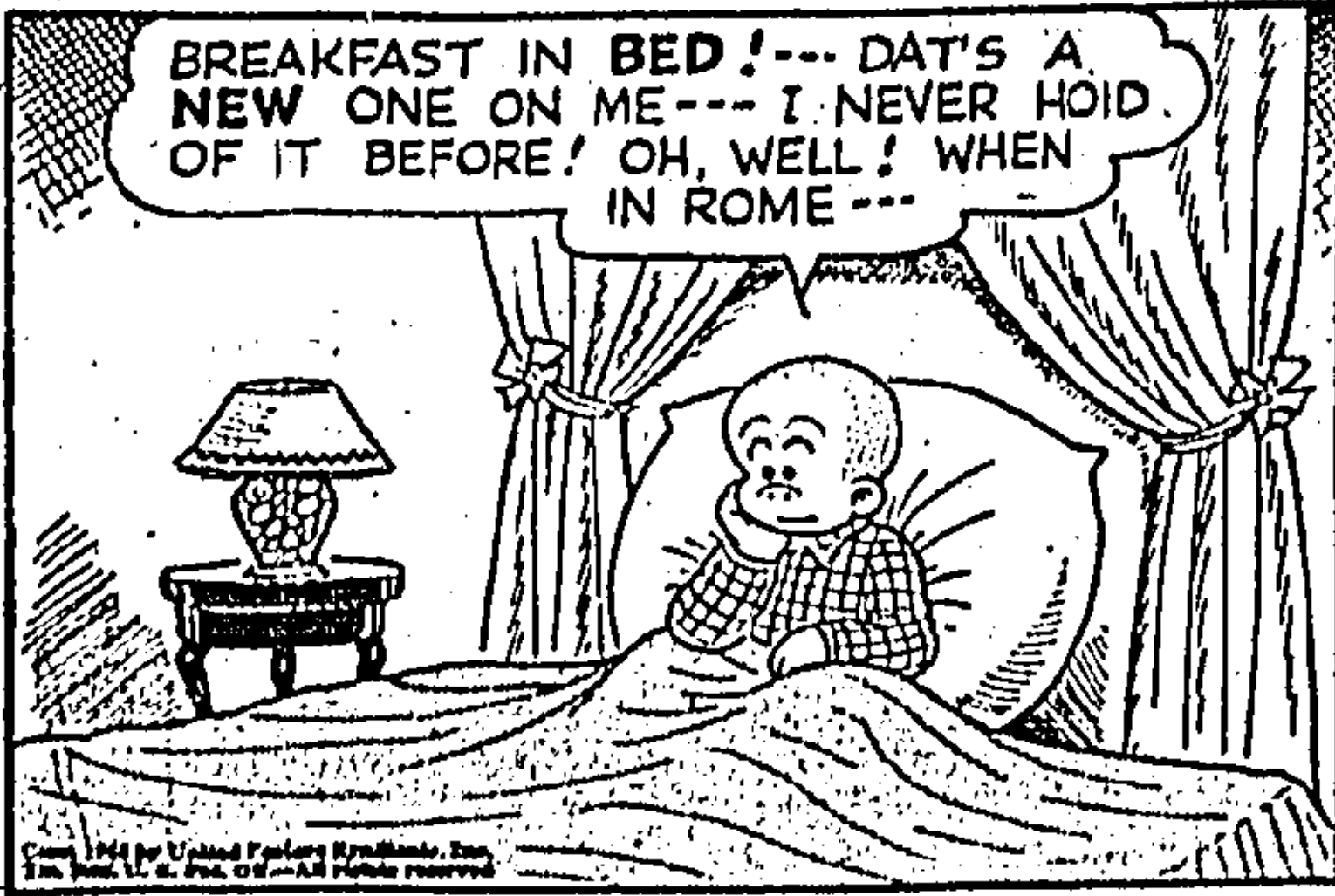
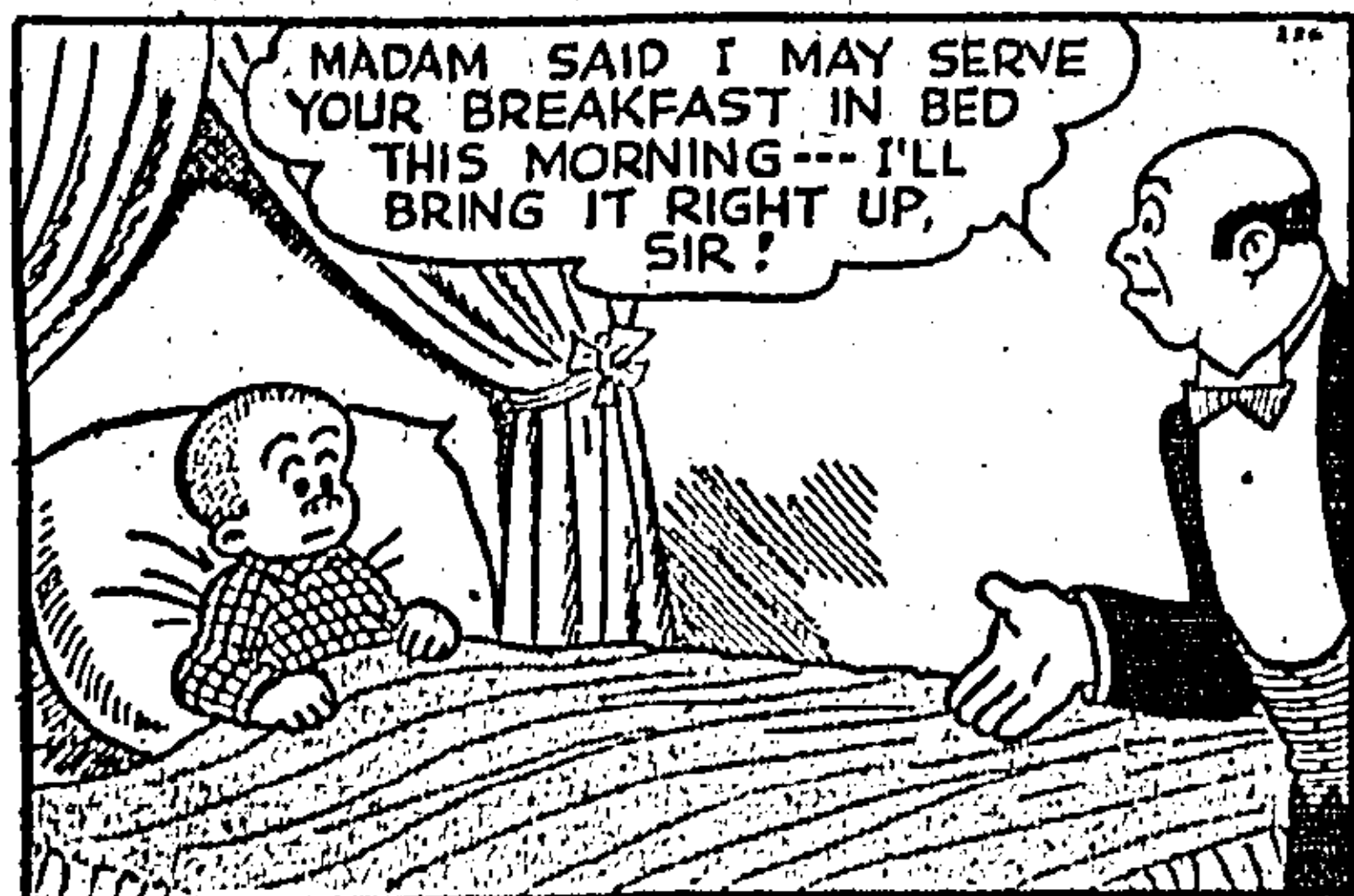
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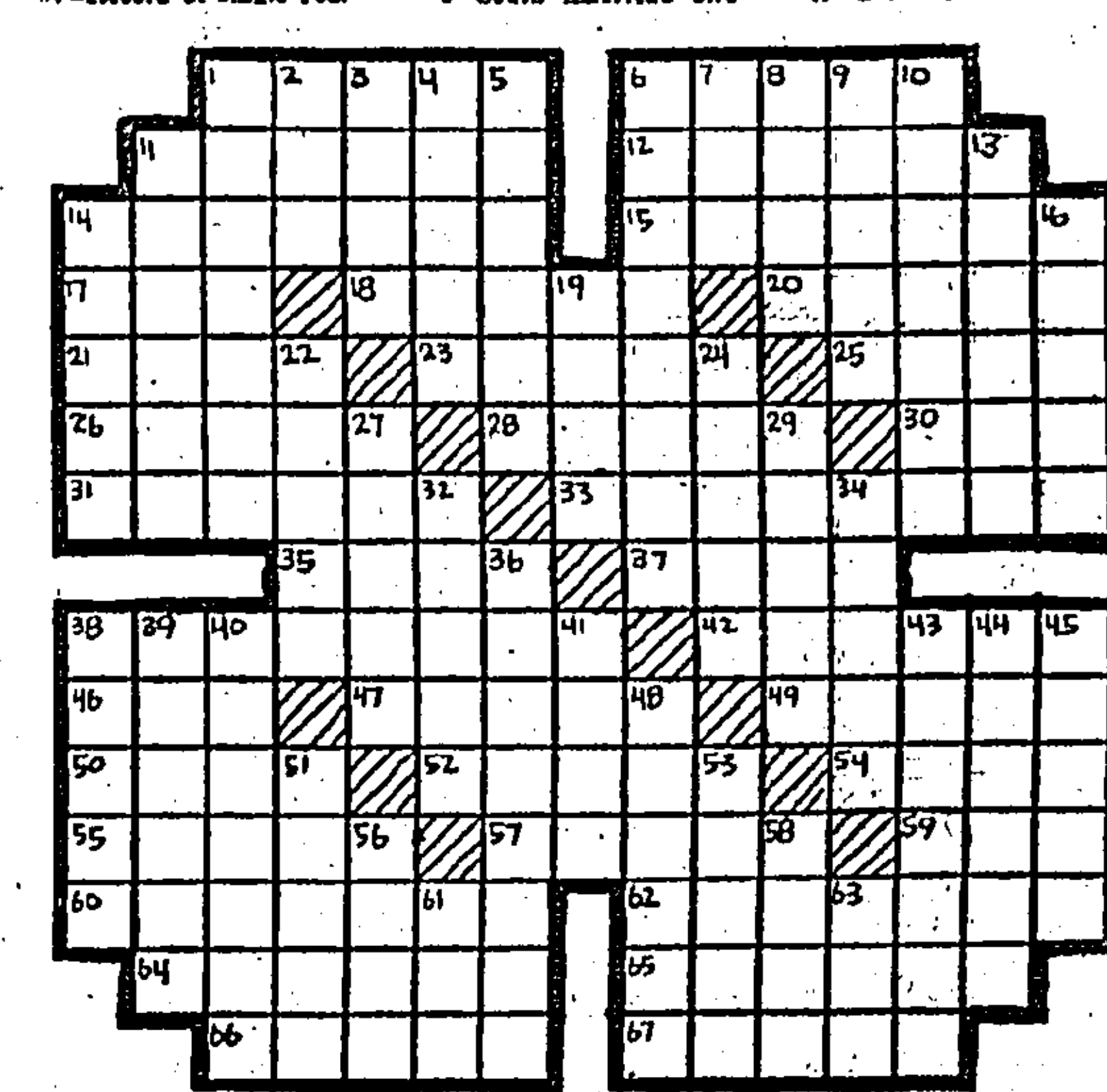
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Composer Franz Lehar Vanishes from Vienna

PARIS. SEVENTY-YEAR-OLD Franz Lehar, composer of "The Merry Widow," Hitler's favorite operetta, has disappeared from Vienna after a brawl with the Nazis.

KEEPING WEENY

"I don't like the language your boy uses about 'keeping weeny,' 'keeping lobby,' 'cops' and that kind of thing," said the chairman of East London juvenile court to the mother of a 15-year-old boy.

"A boy of his age has no right to be talking in this way about policemen and looking out for policemen and we shall remand him for a week."

The boy had been fined 3s. for stealing wood.

He is believed to have smuggled himself and his Jewish-born wife out of German territory.

Lehar met Hitler in 1936, and they became friends. The following year Lehar wrote the music for the Nazi hymn: "In the German Song and on the German Rhine."

He had disputes some days ago with local Nazis, who marched to Castle Nussdorf, his beautiful home on the Danube.

Since then Lehar has not been seen in the Vienna cafes, where he was a noted character. It is thought he may have reached Budapest.

How Plane Attacked Lighthouse Men

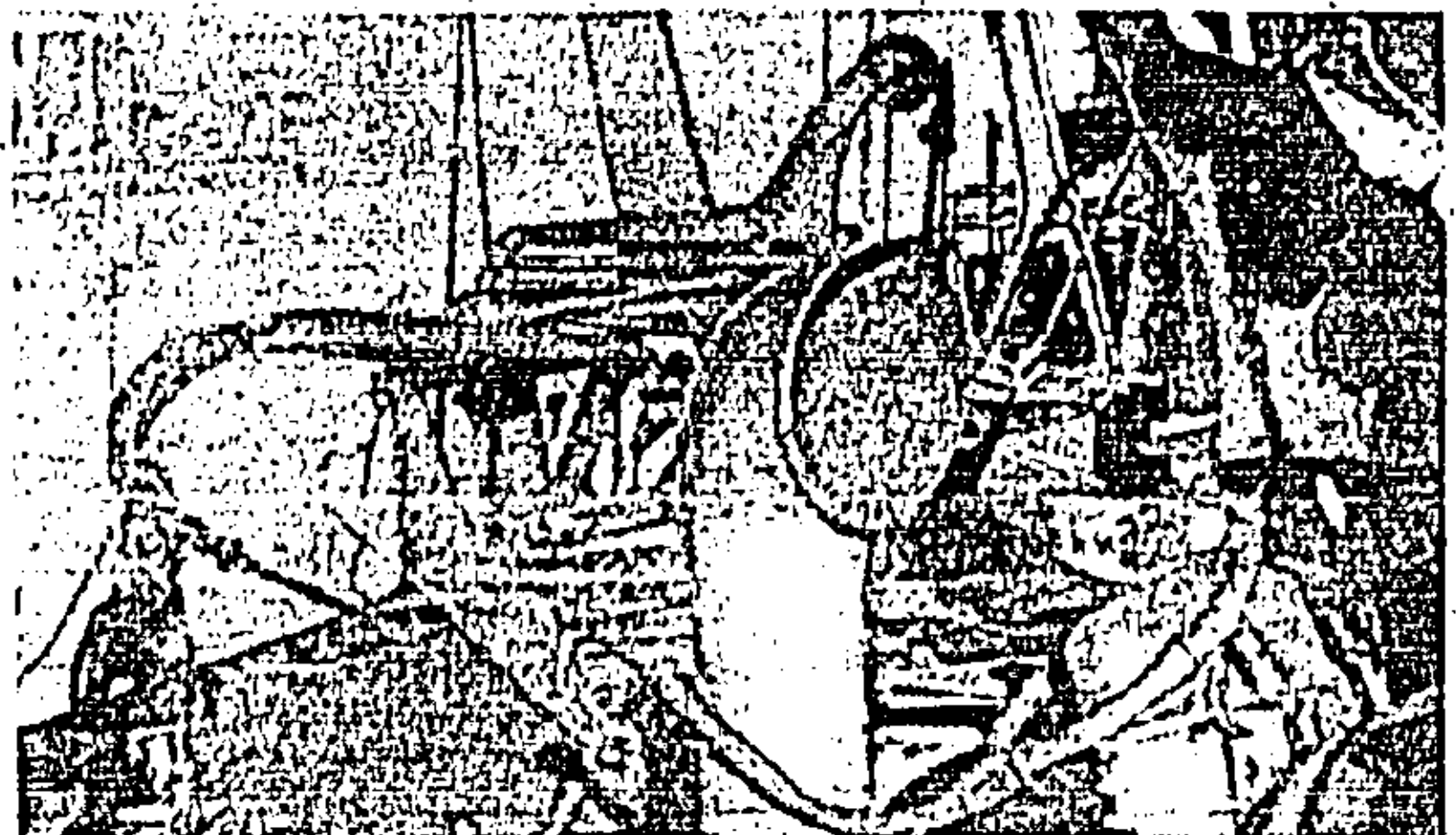
HERE are the first pictures to be taken on board the lighthouse relief vessel, Reculver, after she had been attacked by a Nazi bomber.

The steamer was making the rounds of lighthouses with relief crews when the Nazi plane swept down on her.

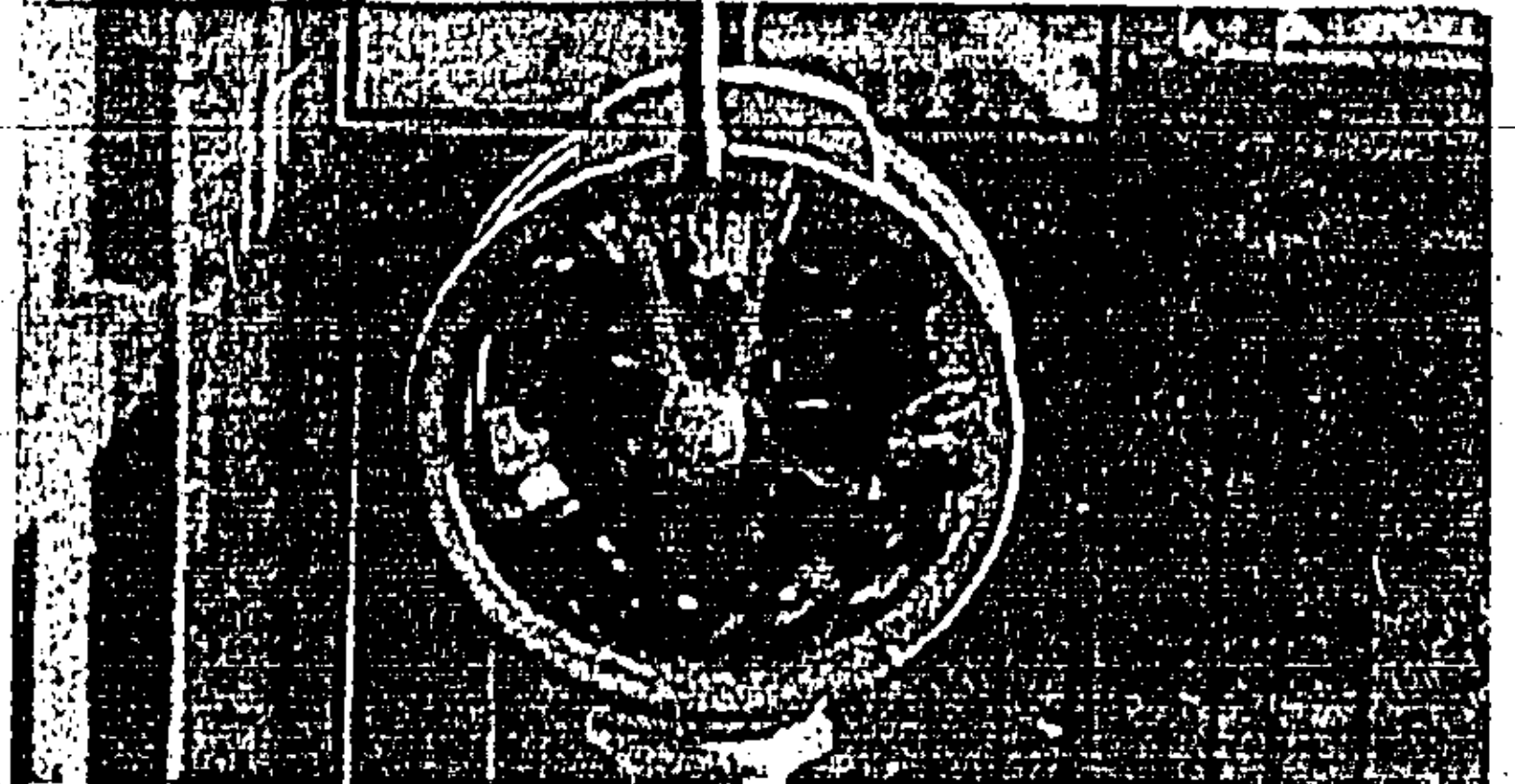
Bombs struck the ship, and machine-guns raked the decks, wounding 32 of the 40 men on board.



BUCKLED PLATES and a gaping hole in the deck are ample evidence of the murderous attack on the Reculver. A bomb did this damage. Near the bottom of the funnel can be seen bullet holes made during the half-hour's attack.



THE CREW of the Reculver could not escape. The boats were riddled with bullets and, as is shown above, davits were wrecked, making launching impossible.



FURTHER PROOF of the concentrated attack on the Trinity House vessel. The engine-room telegraph on the bridge was smashed by bullets and the captain escaped death by a miracle.

The Exiles and the Empty Coffin

EIGHT MONTHS ago Count Raczynski, Polish Ambassador in London, sat, head bowed on hand, before the altar of the little Polish church in Devon-road, Islington, N., a few hours after the invasion of his country by Russia.

It was a special service of intercession for the victory of his native land.

Last month, once again, Count Raczynski went to draw Devon-road—an Ambassador without a country.

This time it was to a solemn service in honour of the memory of ten Polish professors of the University of Cracow, tortured to death in Nazi concentration camps.

Across the aisle sat representatives of British universities—quiet, age-old seats of learning.

Between Poles and British, in the very centre of the aisle, and immediately before the high altar, stood a bier, supporting a black and purple-draped coffin, flanked by tall, guttering candles.

As the priest, Father Ladislaus Stanislawski, intoned the solemn words of the "De Profundis," the thoughts of London's little Polish colony, there assembled, must have been busy contrasting the calm of a London day with the stark horror which their fellow-countrymen were

enduring nearly a thousand miles away.

The requiem over, they filed slowly out into the chill March air to the throbbing notes of their own Chopin's Funeral March.

And Islington housewives, hurrying to complete their Saturday's shopping, paused for a moment to wonder at the brilliant uniforms.

SOUTH AFRICA READY

Preparing for Italians Entering War

New York, May 6. Passengers aboard the steamer City of New York arriving from Capetown say South Africa is preparing an expedition to defend British East Africa, especially Kenya, in case Italy enters into the war.

They say the Queen Mary was anchored off Capetown early in April but she has apparently departed.

N. YORK WANTS MORE BRITISH PICTURES

NEW YORK.

PICTURES sent by radio from London, of British troops ready to embark for Norway and of the crew of the submarine Spearfish, which torpedoed the Admiral Scheer, are prominently displayed in all the New York newspapers to-day.

The New York Daily News devotes its entire front page to the first of these two pictures.

The American Press continues to complain about the scanty supply of British official photographs to offset the steady flow of propaganda photographs from Berlin.

"We would like more from Britain," said a leading New York editor. "Our readers want them; but we cannot get them. So we have to publish what we can get."

"If those happen to be pictures from Nazi sources, the solution seems to lie with London."

Drive Against Grumblers

Discontent Growing In Germany

AMSTERDAM, Wednesday. Rudolf Hess, the Deputy Leader of the Nazi party, and Himmler, the chief of police, have launched a new nation-wide campaign against "grumbling and grumbling."

This in itself is a tacit admission that all is not well with the morale of the German people.

Local Nazi party leaders have received instructions to make immediate reports to party headquarters about the state of feeling in the districts under their control.

These reports will be compiled from details provided by the "block wardens," whose job it is to keep a watch on every household in the homes under their supervision.

At the beginning of the war Hitler, who always keeps his ear close to the ground, told the district leaders that he would hold them responsible for maintaining the morale of the civil population. He did not want to hear, he said, the morale had declined in any part of Germany.

As part of the new campaign, owners of food shops who are members of the Nazi party have been told to keep their cars open for grumbling among their customers and to note the reaction of housewives when they are told that what they want is unobtainable.

Neutral reports show that grumbling in shops, especially in Berlin, has greatly increased in recent weeks.

Particular dissatisfaction has been caused by the clothes rationing order, which bears hardest on the female section of the population.

Customers in cafes and restaurants are now required to listen to the German news bulletins in silence.

In the poorer districts, where the inhabitants are usually bolder in their criticisms of the regime, innkeepers have been told to note the names of customers who make a habit of talking loudly while the news is being broadcast and to refuse them admission in future.

Measures are also being taken to prevent the turning-off of wireless

JEAN (Bravest Man's Daughter) SEES—



—MOTHER GIVEN MEDAL

Jean Russell, daughter of Marine Gilbert Russell—"the bravest man in the war"—has one hand in her mother's and the other in the Queen's.

She has just seen her father's Conspicuous Gallantry Medal

ANTI-BRITISH BOOK SEIZED

Portuguese secret service has seized an anti-British book a few hours after it was published. The book is "The Dream of the European War" by Edouardo Metzner Leone, a twenty-five-year-old journalist of German descent.

Leone said the action was at the request of the British Embassy.

sets when the news bulletins begin. Owners of restaurants and beer houses who permit this have been warned that they will be deprived of their licences.

Warplanes will Aid Civil Aviation in Peace

BRITAIN'S war planes are to help her civil aviation forward when peace comes.

Firms designing and producing large service types have been instructed to keep constantly before them the possibility of civil variants of the military type, and if possible to allocate design staff for this purpose to keep in touch with the British Overseas Airways Corporation.

"This was one of the measures for maintaining civil aviation in wartime indicated by the Air Minister, Sir Kingsley Wood, replying to a deputation from the Aviation Section of the London Chamber of Commerce."

Sir Kingsley pointed out that the Empire services had been carried on without interruption and New Zealand would have this month to be linked up with the Empire air routes by a weekly service. The Tyne boat services to South Africa would also resume this week their pre-war frequency.

HER SON PREY FOR HITLER

BY BERNARD BUCKHAM

THE terrors of the administration of so-called justice under Nazi rule were described by Germans in a B.B.C. broadcast recently.

The speakers included a former judge from the German People's Court, a solicitor from Berlin, both of whom spoke anonymously, and Mrs. I. Litten, whose story was the most tragic of all.

She told of her son, Hans, a criminal lawyer, who was arrested in 1933, on the night of the Reichstag fire.

Previously, he had appeared for the defence in cases arising out of clashes between the public and agents of the Nazi Party, and had endeavoured to establish the use of force by the Nazis.

On one occasion he summoned as witness Hitler himself, and cross-examined him for two hours. His subsequent arrest was Hitler's personal revenge.

The Gestapo wanted him to say that his former client had been guilty of murder, and when he refused he was subjected to torture.

When his mother went to see him his jaw was broken, his eyes and ears injured, and his legs lacerated.

Under this cruelty he yielded—but later revoked his statement and tried unsuccessfully to commit suicide. He was never released, and five years later died in a concentration camp.

The other speakers said that even when accused persons receive a trial, the Gestapo, if dissatisfied with the result, re-arrest the prisoner in court. Then they either order his execution or take him to a concentration camp.

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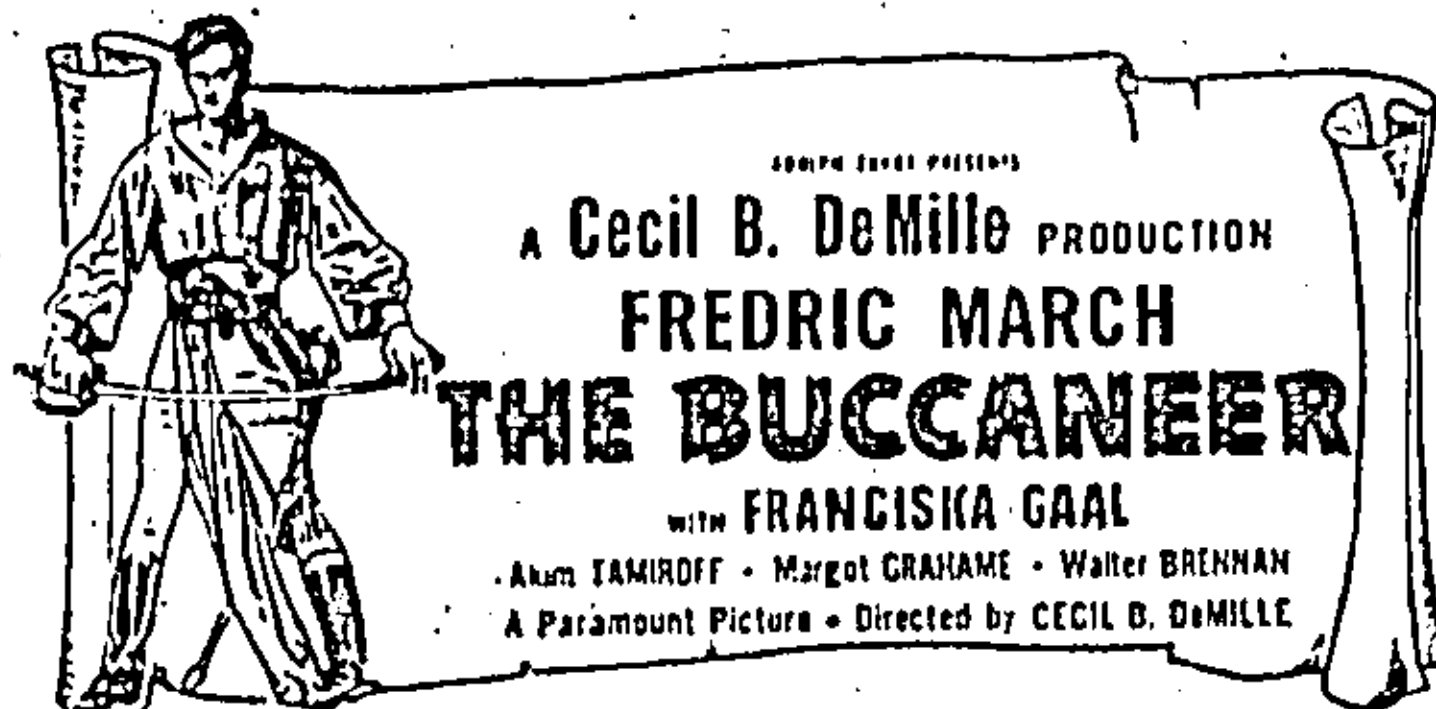
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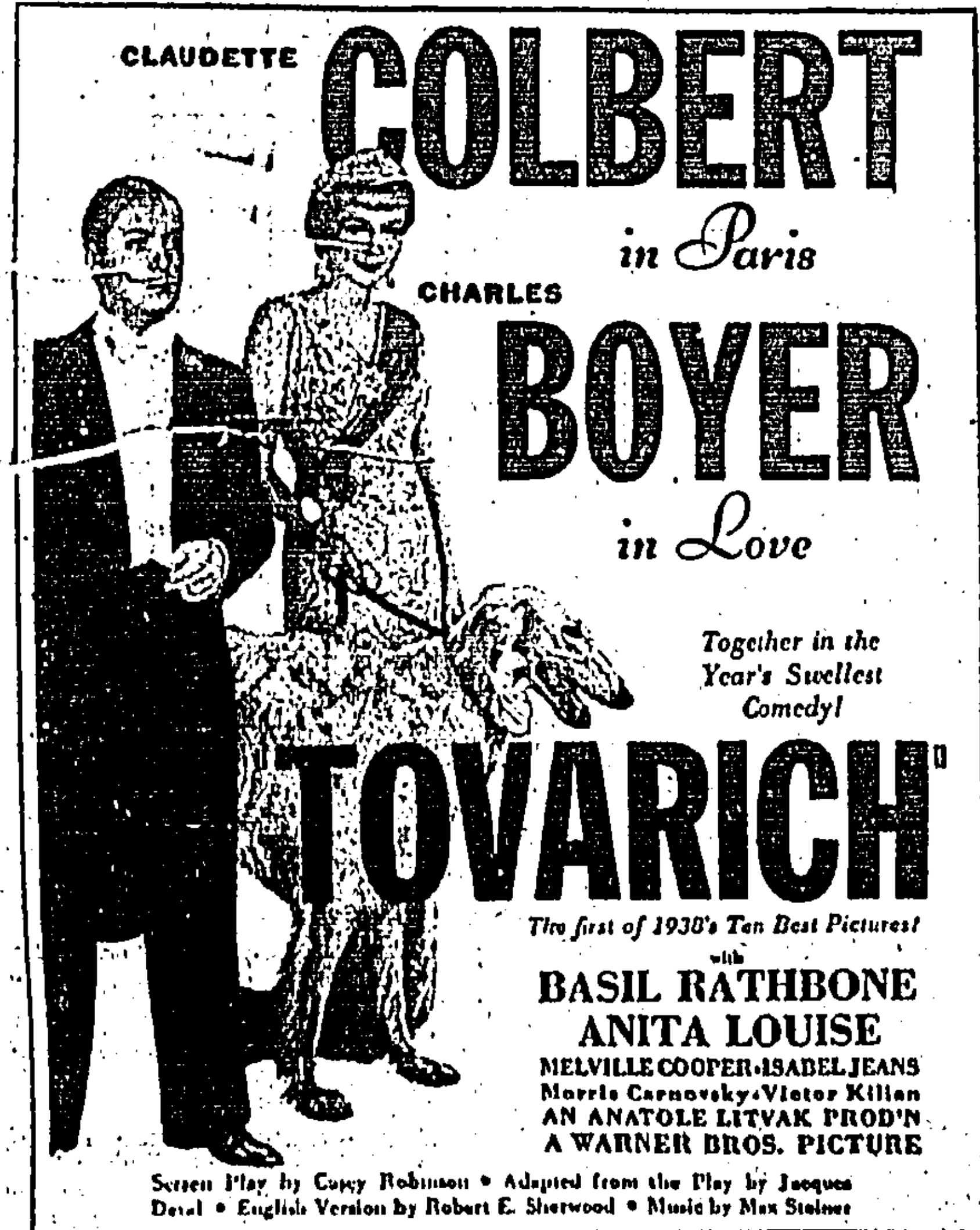
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'Strube' Sums It Up

Brilliant Cartoon In "Daily Express"

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—A cartoon which has appeared in the "Daily Express" is a good indication of how the people of Britain, while waiting for Tuesday's debate in the House of Commons on Norway, are realising more vividly than ever before our great advantages as a parliamentary democracy.

The cartoon shows Hitler sitting in an arm chair with his jack boots on the back of the German people. Goering is beside him and in his hand is a report entitled "The German Fleet Crippled."

The caption under the cartoon has Hitler saying: "Well, Herrmann, no one can make us give a full account to our people if we don't want to."

New Battleship For Italian Navy

GENOA, May 6 (Reuter).—Italy's new 35,000-ton 15-inch battleship, Littorio, was handed over to the Italian navy here to-day.

Fleet Of Four Ships

GENOA, May 6 (UP).—The 35,000-ton new super battleship the Littorio was handed over to the Italian Navy to-day by the directors of the Ansaldo shipyards, in the presence of high Italian naval officials.

This is the second of a series of four 35,000-ton battleships to be delivered to the Italian Navy in the past fortnight, the first being the Vittorio Veneto.

The construction of the other two vessels—the Roma and the Impero—is being speeded up in view of the international situation.

BUTTER CUTS LIKELY

Failure of Danish Supply Affects Britain

LONDON, May 6. Lord Woolton, Minister of Food, stated to-day that the public must be prepared to see an early date for a reduction of the butter ration to the former amount in view of the cessation of Danish supplies.

"Unless I am quite certain of adequate supplies of sugar later in the year, I shall have to reduce the sugar ration," he said.

"I do not think cold storage facilities are adequate for the worst conditions that may come. We have started to build cold storage facilities in eight widely separated places throughout the country."—Reuter.

LATE NEWS

EXTENSIVE AIR RAIDS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" KWEILIN, May 6 (UP).

Japanese planes to-day carried out extensive bombing raids on six cities on the highway northeast and west of Nanning.

Thirty people are said to have been killed at Luchow.

DEVELOPMENT OF COLONIES

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—The text has been issued of the Colonial Development and Welfare Bill which was introduced by Mr. Malcolm MacDonald in the House of Commons last week.

It provides the machinery to carry out the Government's colonial development policy and also provides for the remission, wholly or partially, of loans to the colonies and dependencies totalling £11,264,000.

This includes advances to Dechnaland, Basutoland, and Swaziland for the various purposes such as combating soil erosion, the construction of roads and bridges. It will be remitted only in part.

It also includes loans to the Uganda Railway.

Speeding Up Production

Gigantic Allied Plan For More Warplanes

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—An intensive campaign for speeding up the production of warplanes and the training of airmen has been started.

This is signalled by the changes now announced in the training of airmen and the appointment of a controller of light alloys by the Air Ministry.

It is expected that men will now be able to pass through the various training stages much more quickly.

Joint Effort

The Empire Air Training Scheme is being pressed forward and, in addition, arrangements are now made for training schools not only in France but in the French Empire.

This will be a joint effort by the British and French Empires.

One of the difficulties in production hitherto has been connected with light alloys, the production of which has had to be multiplied many times compared with peace-time requirements.

This has hitherto been in the hands of volunteer controllers lacking certain powers. A full-time controller with the necessary powers has now been appointed.

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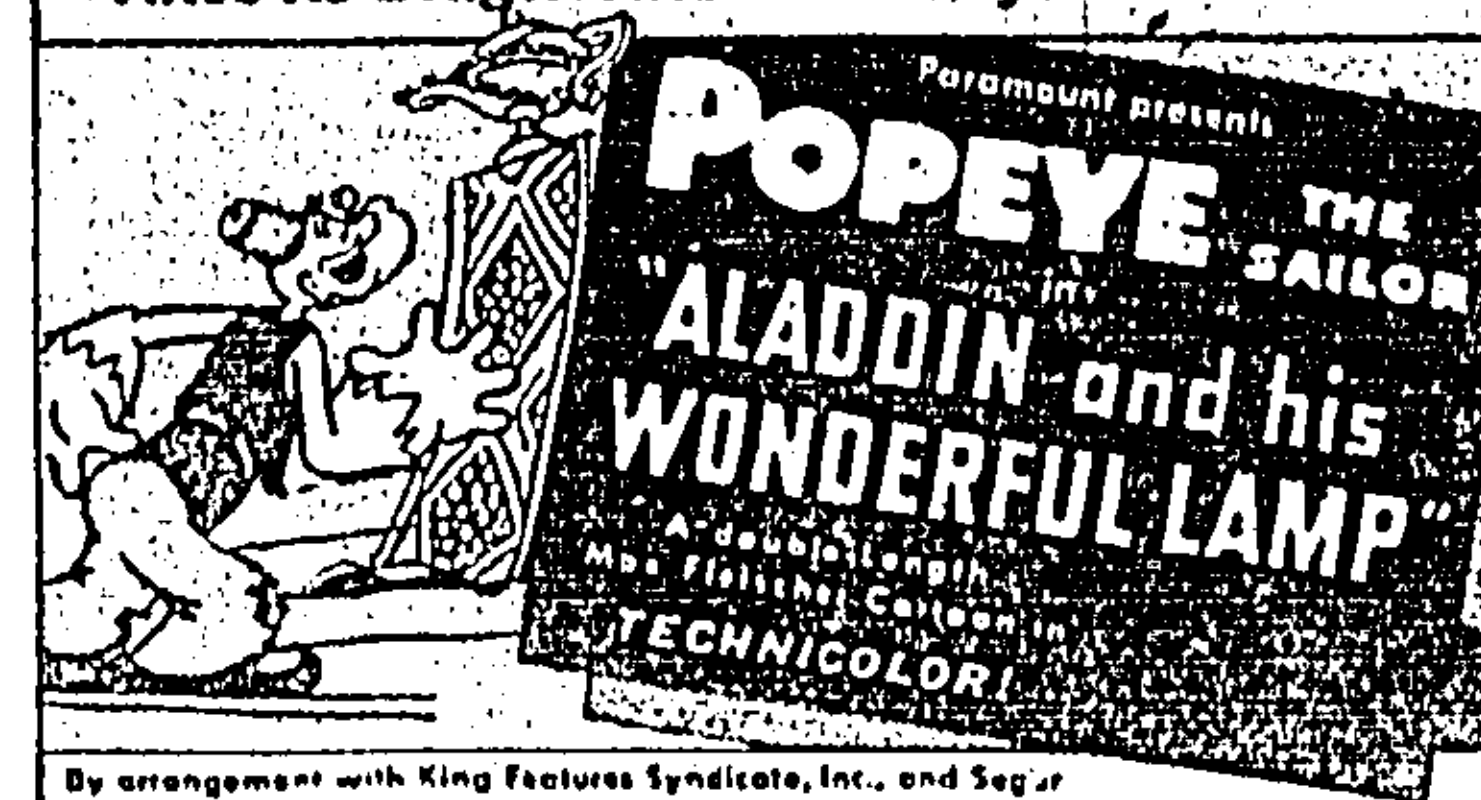
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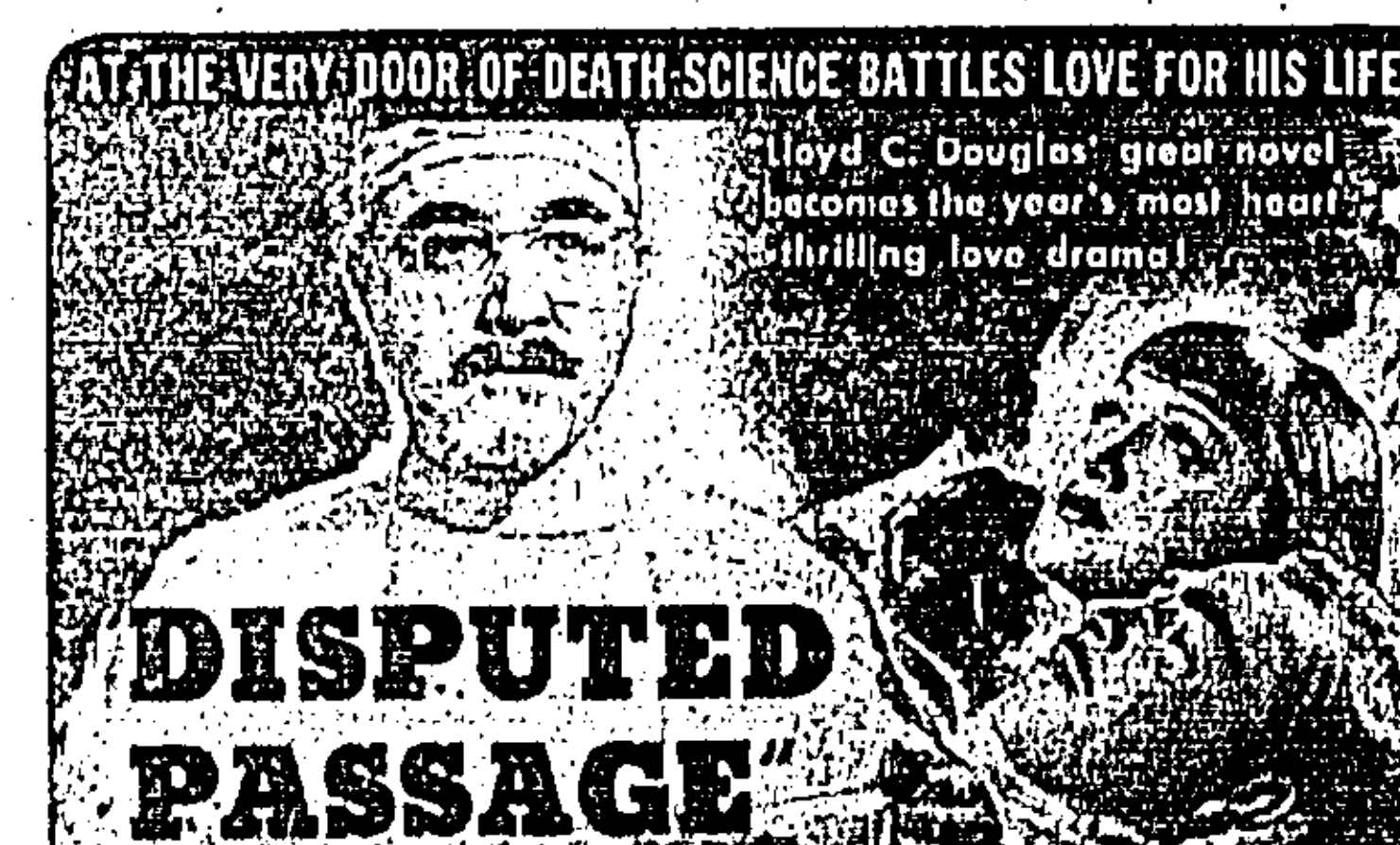
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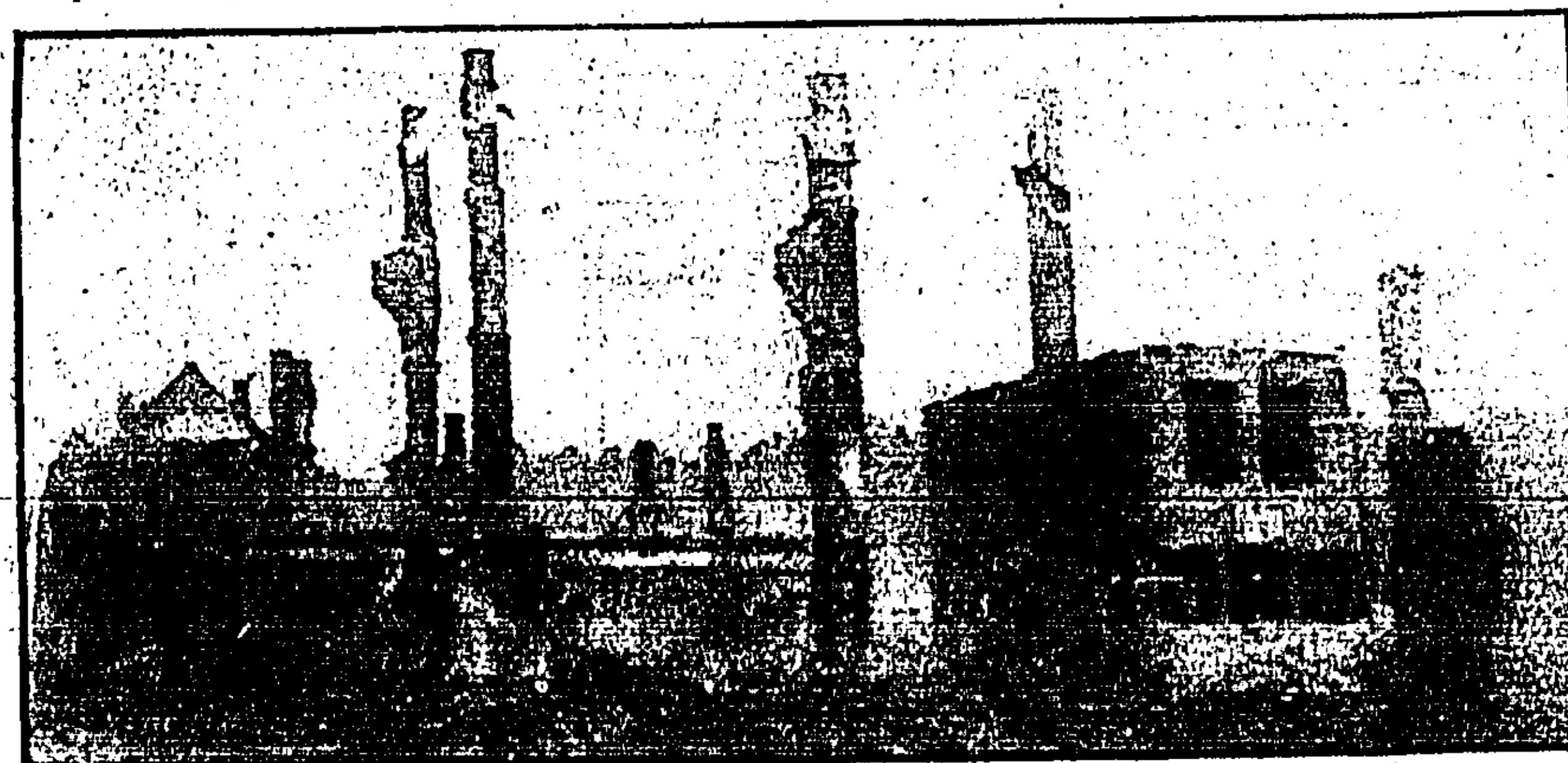
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AMERICA AND VATICAN JOIN IN EFFORTS FOR PEACE IN ITALY

FIRST PICTURE OF A NAZI INVASION



THIS DRAMATIC PHOTOGRAPH, the first received in Hongkong from Denmark, shows German troops marching through a street in Copenhagen after the Blitzkrieg invasion.—By Air Mail. Copyright.



THE GERMAN INVASION of Norway. This dramatic photograph, received by air mail from London, shows the effect of Nazi incendiary bombs on an unprotected Norwegian city. The photograph was taken in Elverum, 75 miles north-east of Oslo. The city was completely razed by Nazi bombs.

Renewed Efforts By Pope Pius PLANS FOR WAR HASTENED

By REYNOLDS PACKARD
("UNITED PRESS" STAFF
CORRESPONDENT)

ROME, May 6 (UP).—His Holiness the Pope and President Roosevelt are authoritatively reported to be collaborating to keep Italy out of war.

This report is being circulated among usually reliable ecclesiastical quarters following a 35-minute audience which the Pope gave to the Prince and Princess of Piedmont this morning. The report is also connected with the meeting at Florence last week-end between the United States Ambassador and Mr. Myron Taylor, President Roosevelt's representative to the Vatican.

The United States Ambassador is expected back in Rome to-morrow. It is believed he will have further important conversations with Italian Government authorities, including Mussolini.

British Envoy's Return

The return to-night of the British Ambassador is also seen in many

PLEASE Turn To Page 7.

FEVERISH DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY IN BALKANS AS SCENE DARKENS

FEVERISH DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY IS EVIDENT IN THE BALKANS AS RENEWED EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE BY HIS HOLINESS THE POPE AND PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT TO KEEP ITALY OUT OF THE WAR.

The Allied War Council met at the Elysee Palace in Paris at 2 p.m. yesterday.

A "United Press" message from Washington states that President Roosevelt has suddenly curtailed his visit to Hyde Park, and has taken a special train for Washington.

Attaches refuse to state why the President took this extraordinary course.

IL DUCE SEES COMMANDER

During the latter part of his stay in Hyde Park President Roosevelt received telephonic summaries of the situation in Europe.

It is officially announced in Rome that Mussolini received the Prince of Piedmont at Venice Palace yesterday afternoon.

The Prince is one of Italy's two Army Corps Commanders.

Italian defence measures were discussed for over an hour.

The conversations followed the Prince's audience with His Holiness the Pope at the Vatican.

Considerable agitation has been caused in Bulgaria at reports that Turkey is massing troops on the Greek frontier.

It is believed that the Turkish move is connected with British naval activity in the eastern Mediterranean.

Meanwhile, Rumania has instituted extensive civil defence exercises.

Bucharest will be placed under war-time conditions to-morrow in order to accustom the populace to air-raid emergencies. Similar exercises are to be held in provincial towns.

Egypt's Precautions

A "Reuters" message from Cairo states that special ordinances were signed by the Egyptian Prime Minister yesterday.

These ordinances provide that no one will now be allowed to enter or leave Egypt without a special permit and anybody possessing fire arms, explosives or material from which bombs and explosives can be made must declare such possession to the authorities before May 15 under penalty not exceeding eight years imprisonment.

Tightening Security Measures

The authorities are empowered to search private dwellings. This is part of an energetic action being taken by the Government to tighten up security measures throughout the country.

Extra precautions are being taken in the Suez Canal zone which is being continuously swept for possible mines. The output of the Suez oil refineries is being stored in huge underground tanks in the desert.

Roosevelt's "Nerves"

President Roosevelt told reporters that he was returning earlier than expected because of "a case of nerves." The President added that he wondered what was "breaking" on the European front after being away from Washington for a few days.

LONDON, May 6 (British Wire- less).—Increasing by £3,000 to-day, the Lord Mayor's Red Cross Fund passed the £1,400,000 mark to-night.

ITALY IS POISED FOR WAR

Urgent Warning By
Moscow Paper

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MOSCOW, May 7 (UP).

"Italy is poised, ready to enter the war in an attempt to achieve mastery of the Mediterranean," says "Trud," the organ of the Soviet Labour Unions.

"The present Italian preparations bear all the marks of blackmail against the Allies. They are aimed to prevent an Allied offensive in the Balkans, the slightest violation of whose neutrality will result in immediate Italian intervention."

"The Italian threats may influence the Allied plans to open a new theatre of war in the Balkans. Unless the Allies alter this plan, Italy will enter the war."

Italian Press Threat

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" ROME, May 7 (Domel).—Italy is prepared to crush any country attempting to extend the European War to the Mediterranean.

This warning was issued to-day by

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LATEST

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Further Late News

OVERLAND DRIVE ON NARVIK

Nazis Pushing North
From Trondheim

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" BERLIN, May 6 (UP).—Informed circles say the German forces from Trondheim are already half way to Narvik. The German radio cites Swedish reports that these troops had reached the towns of Mijoen and Mo.

Norwegian Resistance SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" STOCKHOLM, May 6 (UP).—The "Aftonbladet" report from the Norwegian frontier states that Norwegian detachments are putting up a stiff resistance in the Gauldalen Valley, half way between Sjoeren and Roeros. Fighting is reported to be going on between Rognes and Sjoeren to the east of Sjoeren. It is claimed that one Norwegian force at Rognes had "some success" against 3,000 Germans.

Norwegians Holding Out LONDON, May 6 (Reuters).—According to the Norwegian telegram agency, Norwegian troops are still holding out in the wild Gul Valley between Roeros and Sjoeren. A detachment of 250 German soldiers passed through Roeros to-day en route to Guldal. Norwegian troops at Trysil, north-east of Elverum, refused on orders to surrender after the Allied evacuation. It is believed that they will disperse. The Germans are reported to have arrested many civilians. Norwegian soldiers are being held in the Metropole Hotel, and are being carefully watched.

LONDON, May 6 (Reuters).—A War Office communiqué issued to-day

DUMB-BELLS FOR WANG CHING-WEI

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, May 7 (Domel).—Three dumb-bells will shortly be sent to Wang Ching-wei by Dr. Hiroshi Shimomura, President of the Japanese Amateur Athletic Association. When Dr. Shimomura met Mr. Wang Ching-wei in Shanghai recently, the puppet administrator complained about his lack of exercise and the doctor advising him to try dumb-bells, promising to send him some upon his return to Japan.

No Trouble At Wharves

Anti-Riot Patrols
Are Withdrawn

There has been no further development in connection with the coolie situation which arises out of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., having been declared a "protected place." It was learned officially this morning. It will be recalled that Police patrols were posted at the gates of the Godowns yesterday as a precaution against trouble from over a thousand coolies who lost their employment as a result of the Government measure. These coolies, it is learned from a high police official, have now been withdrawn as the "situation is quiet." A deputation, representing the coolies involved, visited Mr. B. C. K. Hawkins, Labour Officer, yesterday, but the outcome of the conference cannot be ascertained.

Dramatic Sequel To Sennet Freres Hold-Up REVOLVER FOUND IN G. P. O. LETTER BOX

A .32 CALIBRE REVOLVER that may have been the one responsible for the death of Mr. J. Dubois in last week's astounding hold up at Sennet Freres was dumped in a letter box at the General Post Office last night.

The pistol, together with 43 rounds of ammunition which had also been dumped, was found by a mail sorter shortly afterwards.

The post mortem on Mr. Dubois revealed that he had been killed by a .32 bullet.

Police experts are now making ballistic tests to determine whether the bullet recovered from Mr. Dubois' abdomen was fired from the revolver recovered at the post office.

The person who dumped the revolver and ammunition chose a time when there were no pedestrians in the vicinity, and the act was not witnessed by any post office officials.

Finger Print Evidence It is believed that important finger print evidence may have been left on the revolver by the person responsible for the dumping.

One revolver used in the Sennet Freres hold up had previously been recovered by the police when a man, now in custody, was arrested a few seconds after Mr. Dubois was shot.

Korea Police Search

There has been no relaxation in the efforts of the police to apprehend the two Shanghai gangsters wanted for the murder of Mr. J. Dubois.

Every ship leaving the Colony, particularly vessels en route to Macao, are being carefully watched. It is reported, although without official confirmation, that detectives

have obtained valuable clues regarding the identity and possible hiding places of the two wanted men from the man now in custody.

One Man In Hospital The man in custody is an inmate at Queen Mary Hospital, where he was taken under police escort after being seized in Sennet Freres premises a few minutes after the fatal wounding of Mr. Dubois.

It is believed he will have recovered sufficiently from his wounds to be discharged from hospital early next week, when he will appear in court.

The question of offering a reward for the apprehension of the two men still at large is still under discussion.

NAZIS TO LEAVE ITALIAN TYROL

VATICAN CITY, May 6 (Reuters).—The Primate of Poland has informed His Holiness the Pope that German-speaking families from the Italian Tyrol will be sent to German-occupied Poland next August.

The Primate has also presented a report giving details of Nazi persecutions of Polish Catholics. The report refers to the death of 39 priests of six dioceses by shooting or from torture in prison.

VEHEMENT CRITICISM

Labour Says Premier
Should Resign

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, May 6 (UP).—The Labour Party demanded drastic changes in the policy, and personnel of the Cabinet during today's debate in the House of Commons.

Mr. Hugh Dalton, prominent Labour M.P., declared: "There must be drastic changes both in the policy and in the persons at the top."

"Under New Management"

He went on to say: "Chamberlain and Simon are our two greatest liabilities, both at home and abroad. They would best serve their country by resigning now. Then an outgoing board could be put outside of No. 10 Downing Street saying 'War Against Hitler Under New Management.'"

"We have no assurance, whatever, in the light of our Norwegian experiences, where the Intelligence Service broke down or was ignored by Downing Street, where no plans were ready and not sufficient troops prepared for an attack on Trondheim, that the same thing may not happen again next week in any one of half a dozen other countries."

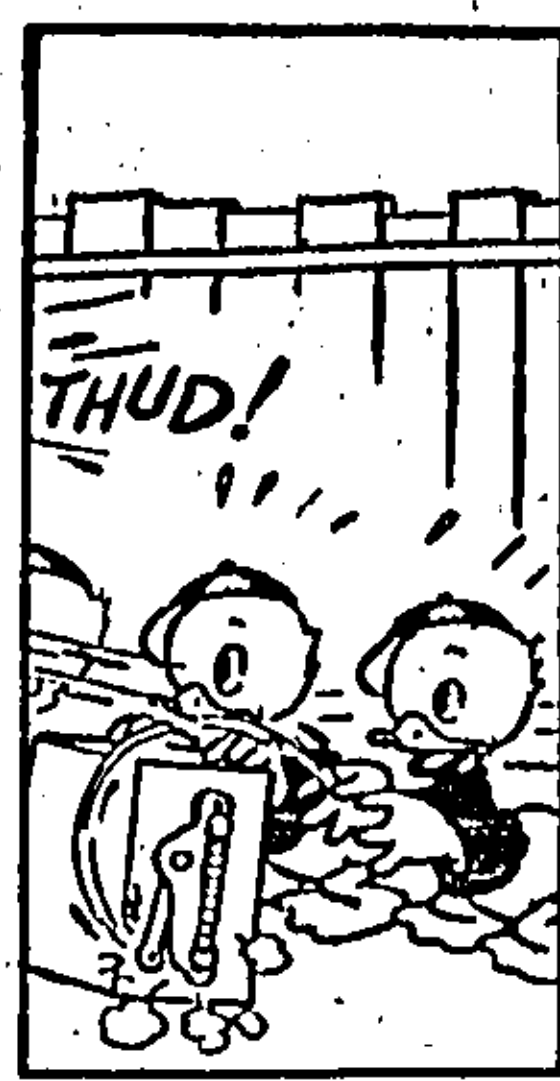
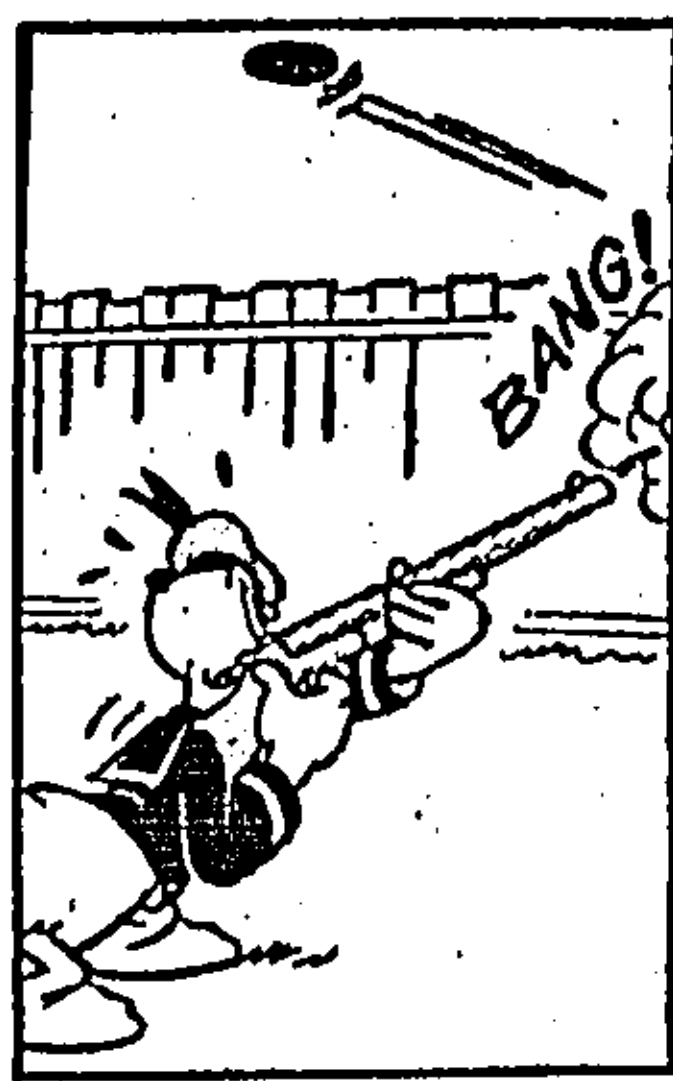
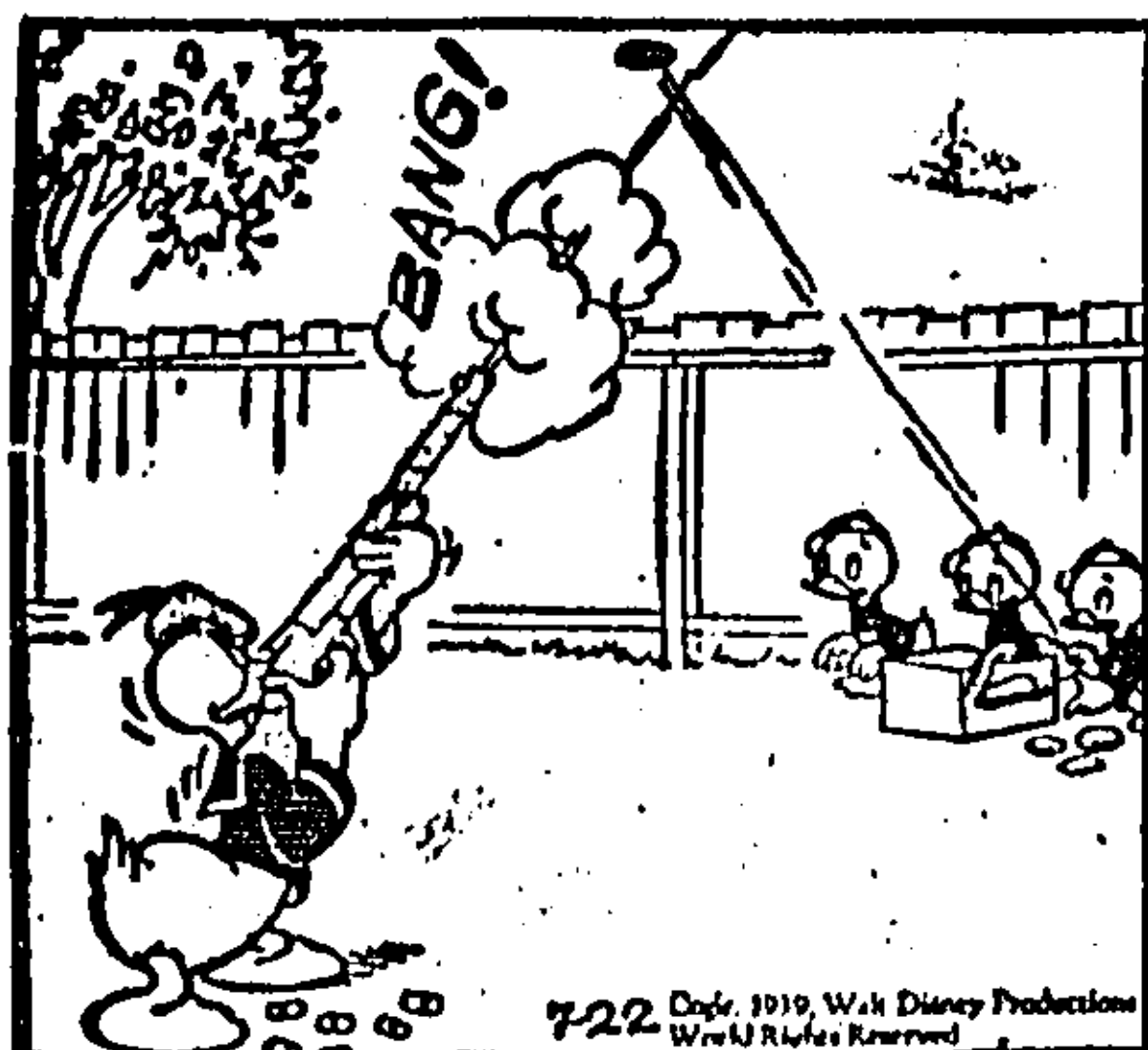
PUPPET ASSASSINATED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, May 7 (UP).—Hsia Tung, a 46-year-old official of the Tax Department of the Japanese-controlled Shanghai Special Municipality was shot and killed at 11 o'clock last night as he was leaving the Metropole Gardens, a ballroom in the International Settlement.

Two gunmen attacked Mr. Hsia as he was entering a taxi in front of the ballroom, and afterwards they escaped.

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Manila May 8.
Shanghai May 8.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 1st May. May 9.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C., date 20th April). May 9.
Canton May 9.
Canton and Shanghai May 9.
Japan and Shanghai May 9.
Manila May 9.
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OUTWARD MAILS
Tuesday, May 7
Shanghai and parcels only for Tientsin 12.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 15th May.
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Reg. May 7, 5 p.m.
Ord. May 7, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 13th May.
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G.P.O.
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Ord. May 7, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, May 8
Canton 7.15 a.m.
Sandakan 12.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"—due Paris, 16th May.
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Reg. May 8, 5.00 p.m.
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Straits and Calcutta 7 p.m.
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NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

The Fifty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Thursday, 30th May, 1940, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd May to 13th June inclusive.

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The Fifty-ninth Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Wednesday, the 22nd May, 1940, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1939.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 8th May to the 22nd May, 1940, both days inclusive.

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General Agents.
Hongkong, 1st May, 1940.

ITALY POISED FOR WAR

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the "Nationale Fascista," organ of the Fascist Militia.
"Britain believes she will make Italy a prisoner in the Mediterranean, but Italy should make Britain understand what would be the result of such an attempt," the paper declares.

Allied Activity Theory
BERLIN, May 6 (UP).—All Berlin newspapers agree that the British and French activity in the Mediterranean is designed as a threat against Italy.
"Certain signs indicate that Europe will find itself the centre of events which will decide whether the conflict is to spread into a full-fledged European War by drawing in States which so far have remained peaceful," says the "Hamburger Fremdenblatt."

"The English have succeeded in setting the entire community of Mediterranean nations into a state of disquiet and tension."
"One thing is clear, however. The activity of the Western Powers is directed solely against Italy."
Ominous Headlines
Heavy and ominous headlines are slashed across the front pages of most Berlin newspapers. "Enormous tension in the Mediterranean," reads one. Another says, "Growing Unrest Over England's New Plan of Attack." "Where Will the Aggressor Strike?" asks the "Neuchausgaber"—meaning England and not, as would be expected from such a headline, Germany.
There is column after column of news about the "crisis," but none of the newspapers leaves it clear whether the Allies are going to attack, or whether the Totalitarians are merely employing the old propaganda tactics of accusing the other side first.

Naval Tug To Be Sold

40-Year-Old Cherub Will End Career

Built in 1900 by the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., H.M. tug Cherub is being offered for sale.
The vessel is now lying in the Camber, Royal Naval Yard, Kowloon, and all material on board will be sold together with her with the exception

SUBMARINE CAPTURED?

Nazis Claim British Vessel Seized

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, May 6 (UP).—Nothing is known in London regarding German reports that a British submarine has been captured in the Kattegat.

If the report is true it would be the eighth British submarine the British have lost so far in the war.

Previous losses were the submarines Oxley, Seabreeze, Undine, Starfish, Thistle, Tarpon and Stedlet. It is worthy of note that part of the crews of the Undine and Starfish, which are understood to have been lost in the Heligoland Bight, have been rescued, according to a German wireless report.

Towed By Minesweeper
LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—The Berlin news agency gives alleged details of the capture of a British submarine in the Kattegat.
It says that the submarine was drifting dangerously in the middle of a mined area when German patrol vessels approached.
A German Officer took command. The submarine was towed from the danger zone with the assistance of minesweepers.

The British said that they had struck a mine and the submarine had become incapable of diving and, owing to engine trouble, they were unable to continue their voyage on the surface.
"The crew were glad to be rescued, particularly as the ship had been lying at the bottom of the sea some time after the explosion," says the agency.
The submarine has been taken to a German port.

POPE'S NEW EFFORTS

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quarters as an indication that he will undoubtedly have conversations with Mussolini within the next few days when he will have an opportunity to explain the British viewpoint in connection with the reinforcements of the fleets in the Mediterranean.
That France may also be interested in joining the Holy See and the United States in appeasement efforts—which some Vatican quarters even go as far as to say may resolve into an actual peace effort to end the present war—is indicated by the announcement that the French Ambassador to the Holy See was received in a private audience by the Pope following the visit of the Prince and Princess of Piedmont.
In Italy, however, there is every indication of hastening preparations of war.

The handing over of the new 35,000-ton battleship Littorio to the Italian Navy is reported to have been speeded up following the reinforcement of the British fleet in the Mediterranean.

Two other ships of the same series, the Roma and Impero, will be handed over shortly. The first of the series, the Vittorio Veneto, was handed over to the Navy a fortnight ago.

Pope's Intercession
I learn from authoritative quarters in the Vatican that His Holiness the Pope referred to President Roosevelt's appeasement efforts during a 35 minute audience with the Prince and Princess of Piedmont to-day.
The Pope expressed his hope that Italy would not find it necessary to join in the conflict.

Also, according to unimpeachable sources in the Vatican, the Pope informed Mr. Myron Taylor, President Roosevelt's personal representative to the Vatican, that he was in complete agreement with the President's attitude towards limiting the conflict.
The Pope is reported to have said that the moment has arrived to attempt not only to limit the conflict but also to make an effort for some sort of general peace move.

It is reported that the Pope has sent a despatch to Monsignor Cesare Orsenigo, the Papal Nuncio to Berlin, requesting him to sound out the Berlin Government in this connection.

of chain cable, anchors and gear, which will be lent to the purchaser for navigational safety within the port of Hongkong.
Tenders must reach the Naval Store Officer, H.M. Dockyard, not later than noon on May 20.
With a displacement of 400 tons, it is understood the tug has been used as a water-boat by the naval authorities.



Nazi Bomb Blew Captain Off Bridge

IN hospital in a south-east coast town recently was Captain Michael O'Neill master of the British 5,439-ton cargo ship Barnhill, injured when a bomb from a German plane blew him off the bridge.

It was moonlight when the attack was made. The ship was set on fire but the blaze was put out and the vessel is now in safety.
"First thing Captain O'Neill said when they got him ashore was 'Where is my wife,'" Mrs. O'Neill, grey-haired, told by telephone at her home in Formy, near Liverpool, that her husband was ill, caught the next train south.
Four of the Barnhill's crew were killed. First Officer Rothwell, killed by his captain's side; Third Officer Steward; Chief Steward Adams; and Ordinary Seaman Housman. They died when the last of three bombs hit the ship and set it on fire.

Another man, Engineer D. Bertram, died in hospital.

Survivors got away on rafts, were picked up by a Dutch ship and taken off by a lifeboat.

Wife Know Ship
When Mrs. O'Neill reached London on her way south she found that the last train to the coast that night had gone and continued her journey by car. She said:

"When I arrived I did not know what had happened to my husband, but as I drove into the town I could see a ship on fire out at sea. I guessed it was my husband's ship. I recognised the mast.
"In the Spanish civil war he took refugees from northern Spain to France, and ran food through the blockade into Barcelona. I stayed in France so as to be near him.
"He was in scores of air raids. His ship, the Thorpe Bay, was hit once.
"Danger never worried him: he enjoys it. He went all through the last war, commanded a fleet of trawlers mine-laying and mine-sweeping in the Adriatic.
"They gave him the Italian V.C.—it's called the Order of the Crown of Italy—and the French Legion of Honour.
"Although he's very ill—he's forty-nine—he's worrying about going back to sea. 'Is this the end of the sea for me?' he asked. I told him he had better get well before thinking about ships."

Captain's Cup Qualifiers

In the Captain's Cup, May qualifying competition, held at Fanning over the week-end, R. E. Annis qualified over the Old Course with a score of 93-20=73. There were 21 entries.
J. Linaker qualified over the New Course with a score of 87-15=72. There were 10 entries here.

By Walt Disney



LANCELOT —IN KHAKI

From BERNARD GRAY

STATIONED in a village behind the line in France is a young British officer who now has to answer to the name of "Sir Lancelot."

And all because of a well-meaning aunt who lives in the North of England.

A heavy parcel arrived for him one day. Like all parcels to the B.E.F. it bore a label describing its contents. This label said: "Bullet-proof waistcoat."

At that time the young officer's unit hadn't heard a gun go off.

"Going Crusading!"

"Wearing your waistcoat to-day, Sir Lancelot?" the others would ask him, or "Going on a crusade or something?"

Sir Lancelot became more and more self-conscious about his armour. Back home the fond aunt was hoping I would save his life.

He spent all his time trying to get rid of it.
Four times he threw it away and four times it was returned.

Can't Bury Name

The members of his mess just wouldn't let him lose it. "Your unit would be terribly upset," they said.

Late one night he went out into a field, took with him a spade—and the waistcoat.

There it stays underground and gone for ever.
But the name is a different matter. He can't bury that. He'll be Sir Lancelot for the rest of the war.

OVERLAND DRIVE ON NARVIK

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day states that there is nothing to report from the Narvik area.

Allies Attacking City
LONDON, May 6 (British Wireless).—It is authoritatively stated in London that Allied forces are attacking Narvik where, it is believed, some 3,000 to 4,000 Germans are besieged.

The Allied forces are closing in, but no rapid success is expected largely owing to severe snowstorms which are raging in that area.
The Germans in Narvik for a fortnight have been able to dig themselves in and a state approaching trench warfare has developed.

Reports that heavy naval bombardments have been directed against the town and shore batteries are regarded as greatly exaggerated.

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GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"It's an insult, the wages they offer—what do they think we are, college fellows!"

The gang's all here!

By P. L. MANNOCK

ONE night in May, 1917, I went to see "Bubbly," one of the best revues of the war, at the Comedy Theatre. As I opened the programme a printed slip fluttered out, normal foreboding that some principal was "off."

Sure enough, "owing to the absence of Mr. Jack Hulbert, his part will be played by—" who cured? Hulbert had joined the Army, and we had to admit the best of an understudy.

Within ten minutes of the understudy's appearance, people were groping for the ships they had thrown away. "This fellow's damned good. What's his name?" Mr. Jack Buchanan—never heard of him.

Within two months Jack was a big star. The other night I watched him delighting a huge Army audience. Like others who shot to fame during the last war, he is as good as ever.

It is remarkable how many who delighted as they are still doing so, their powers undimmed. There is, for example, Leslie Henson. It is hard to believe that 24 years have flown since his sudden arrival at the Gaiety in "To-night's the Night," succeeding the late Teddy Payne.

For years Henson has held an annual round-up party of those who were with him in the remarkable entertainments behind the lines in 1918, which culminated in full-dress productions at a theatre in Lille.

He intends to repeat his good work this time, and I cannot think of anyone who will be more welcome.

IN a terrific spectacular revue of 1915, "Watch Your Step," a leading part was in the hands of Lupino Lane, then lately graduated from the hulls as a boy tumbling comedian.

For many months this jolly, cherubic, agile little man has been exploiting "The Lambeth Walk" in the Victoria Palace show "Me and My Girl," and his free shows to soldiers have included a complete transportation of the production to Windsor, and back.

George Graves, veteran dispenser of fruity chatter, was also in "Watch Your Step," and lately returned from the Victoria Palace cast.

MASTER showman and impresario C. B. Cochran introduced us in 1914 to delectable Alice Delany in the first British intimate revue, "Odds and Ends."

This glamorous, fascinating creature became a star overnight. Former midinette and wife of the Anglo-French comedian Harry Fragson, she epitomised Parisian allure and grace.

I shall never forget her on the Pavilion stage on the hysterical Armistice Night of 1918, draped in a Tricolour flag and weeping with happiness. To-day you may see this delightful artist as leading lady of the new Criterion comedy, "French for Love," first of London's new wartime plays.

JACK HULBERT is so sprightly and young in his current piece "Under Your Hat" that his star status before the last war is hard to believe. His wife, Cicely Courtneidge, was a soubrette heroine then, and did not become a comedienne until later.

This week Tom Walls reappears in a new farce, "His Majesty's Guest," at the Shaftesbury. In the last war this popular comedian (once a London policeman, and since trainer and owner of a Derby winner, April the Fifth) was busy at Daly's, the Gaiety and Adelphi. His partner in so many Aldwych farces, Ralph Lynn, was at that time equally in demand in musical comedy.

WE also had Harry Tate, Gene Gerrard, Billy Merson, and above all, George Robey, Prime Minister of Mirth, who to-day quite rightly refuses to be his age. Robey had "The Bing Boys Are Here" at the Alhambra, which became a recognised venue for men in khaki, from field-marshal to privates.

His tremendous efforts for war charities raised £100,000, and earned him the C.B.E.

After the first few months of war, people flocked back to the theatre. Old favourites were playing, and new actors and actresses made reputations. Fay Compton was one. Gladys Cooper, Owens Nares and Gerald du Maurier were already established.

Fine new plays came along: a period of record long runs set in. The music-hall was still flourishing; you could see Marie Lloyd, Little Tich, R. G. Knowles, Mark Sheridan, T. E. Dunville, Grock, the Two Hobbs, Alfred Lester, Chirgwin and Harry Wellman.

BUT the variety comedians have nearly all gone. The star personalities of 1918 who remain to regale us in the second war against Germany are those of musical comedy and revue. I look forward to a fresh lease of life for intimate revue especially—a wonderful nursery of new star talent.

10-CENT FARE TO HEAVEN

"PEOPLE give to God what they would blush to give a porter for a tip."

This remark was made a short while ago by a Purley vicar commenting on the fact that people who went to church expected to find a bright, well-kept place awaiting them and a smiling person at the door to greet them, without thinking where the money for such things was coming from.

The last monthly returns of the offertories made in the great St. Paul's Cathedral in London, would indicate that the "penny" churchgoer is still much in evidence.

On a recent Sunday, the collection for the expenses of the service in the Cathedral amounted to the inglorious total of £4 7s. 6d.

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"All quiet during the night. We repelled a number of enemy raiding parties."—Official War Communiqué.

THE advance listening post lies about eighty yards from the edge of the forest.

From it runs a shallow, zig-zag communicating trench to the main front-line trench, skirting the forest to north and south.

The post is a strip of deep trench about fifteen feet long, and along its full length runs a fire-step. Its surface is nearly two feet above the trench duck-boards, and about four feet below the parapet.

The soldier, standing on the fire-step and leaning heavily against the parapet in the centre of the post, stares with strained intensity to his front.

Suddenly, there is a faint thicket out there. The soldier stills.

His eyes, and his mind, strive to pierce through the grey-dark to reach the faint noise.

For perhaps a minute his brain, eyes and body strain, yearns, towards the spot from where he imagines the sound to have come. Then, decisively, he crouches his rifle stock to his shoulder, and the sharp, whip-like cracks of rifle-shots stab through the still coldness of the early dawn.

The effect of the rifle shots is like that of a pre-arranged signal. Far to the East, miles behind the enemy's known front line, brief yellow flashes stab their way towards the sky. Seconds later hell breaks loose behind and to right and left of the small post.

THE canvas cloth of the dugout is thrust violently aside, and the men of the post stumble uncertainly out to the duckboards, then on the post fire-step.

Behind and to right and left of the post the crash of shells puncture the dawning day with livid flashes of light.

From the main trench skirting the forest, Verey lights shoot into the air, and burst into coloured multiples, screaming a desperate SOS to the artillery far behind. In the post, lining its length of fire-step, nine men stare grimly into the misty grey in front. Silently, efficiently, hand-grenades are passed along from hand to hand and placed at each man's feet.

The bursting of shells behind and to right and left tell them a plain story. They are the objective of an enemy raiding party.

The box barrage hems them in on three sides. They can expect no assistance from their main trench; retreat is impossible.

The sentry who gave the first alarm first sighted them. He points towards a moving grey mass seen vaguely some forty yards beyond the barbed wire of the post. "There they are," he shouts. "Just over by those fallen trees!"

Britain Needs Low-Dive Bombers

(By A Military Correspondent)

German experience in Poland, and our own briefer practice against German airfields in Norway and Denmark points to low dive-bombing as the only reliable tactic.

The German JU87 and Henschel HS129 dive bombers massacred the grounded Polish air force on the day war broke out. Afterwards they smashed up the Warsaw aircraft factory, Lvov railway station, and heavily damaged Modlin fortress.

German decoy tricks are endless. Five raiding aircraft flew high over Norwegian anti-aircraft batteries. Suddenly two (the dive bombers) broke formation and dived. The A.A. gunners, believing these two airplanes hit, fired steadily at the three planes flying at high level. The dive bombers swooped down, obliterated a battery, and zig-zagged away at low altitude.

Our Fairey "bat" monoplane and Westland Lysander Army co-operation machines can be used for dive-bombing. But since they are not fitted with diving brakes to steady themselves, their aim lacks precision.

The only real dive bombers in Britain's Air Forces are the Blackburn "Skua" of the Fleet Air Arm. Their diving brakes check diving speed to 250 m.p.h. Two hundred Douglas naval dive bombers are on order from the United States.

The Nazi dive bombers, being short range machines, have hitherto been unable to attack targets such as British coastal defences. But (i) The new Nazi Navy bases are a good deal nearer. (ii) Longer range dive bombers will certainly be built. The Italians already have them. (iii) The French targets are within easy reach of the Germans.

The wise French have foreseen this. They have built underground aircraft factories. The Nazis are reported to have many more.

France is training companies of parachute troops, intended to



across the wire. And now comes a new contribution to the ear-splitting orchestration of sound. Shells begin to crash in No-man's land behind the attackers.

The defenders' artillery is responding in answer to the Verey light SOS from the main trench. The post is completely boxed-in by vicious, livid bursts of high explosive.

In the post men use rifles and fling hand-grenades in the knowledge that they are playing out the last few seconds of the drama of dawn.

Victory and defeat are in the balance. Seconds will decide whether the venture against death will be recorded as a successful raid or a repulsed raid.

And in that knowledge, edged with its implications, they strive like men possessed, in blind, sullen desperation.

The attackers wade through the mire; some try to cut at the wire with cutters, while here and there a grey man hammers blindly at the wire with a rifle-butt, hoping to flatter its snap and prickling eagerness with blunt violence.

Some of the attackers keep lobbing over hand-grenades; others fire blindly with their rifles. And the defenders keep firing stubbornly.

THE conflict ends suddenly. One moment the attackers are there, struggling against the wire; the next they have melted away.

They could be seen running through the dawn mist towards their own lines. Some half-carry, half-drag wounded comrades.

For about a minute they remain in sight, then disappear behind the loose curtain of shell bursts from the defending artillery.

As they disappear the terrifying crash of shells begins to die down. The barrage flags to spasmodic bursts, then to occasional crashes, and finally all noise ceases and quiet holds the dawn in thrall.

In the post the corporal is completing an inventory. The right side of his unshaven face is clothed with blood, and he limps slightly as he moves across the squelching duckboards.

For a moment he stares blankly towards the East. Then, speaking as if to himself, he comments in a dry, flat voice:

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August, 1939. The quarrel between Germany and Poland had reached deadlock. War was near. Negotiations for a pact between Britain and Russia were still dragging on interminably.

Then came the bombshell. Russia had made a pact not with Britain but with Germany. Sir Nevile Henderson, British Ambassador in Berlin until the outbreak of war, today describes Hitler's truculent jubilation at his new "triumph."

FROM the outset, I regarded the British negotiations with Russia as something which had to be attempted, but which lacked all sense of realities.

I never believed in any effective or altruistic assistance being afforded by the Russians to the Poles.

The most that I hoped was that if the U.S.S.R., however half-heartedly, joined the peace front, Hitler would regard discretion as the better part of valour and come down on the side of peaceful discussion.

But I always believed that Moscow's chief aim was to enthrall Germany and the Western Powers in a common ruin. This was, up to August, similarly the professed view of all Germans, from Hitler downwards, who commented on our Russian negotiations.

I raised this point with Hitler himself when I saw him at Berchtesgaden on August 23.

Ribbentrop was at Moscow on that day engaged in signing the Russo-German Treaty, and Hitler expatiated to me triumphantly on the value and great advantages of the new alliance, which, he said, was definite and permanent.

"Britain drove me to Stalin"

I reminded him of his previous attitude towards the Soviets, and expressed the opinion that he might find Russia's friendship even more dangerous than her enmity.

HITLER'S

Excuse for STALIN PACT

I added, speaking quite personally and on purely moral grounds, that if an agreement had to be made with Moscow—for whom Communism was now merely the cloak for intense nationalism and whose ulterior motives seemed to me highly suspicious—I had rather Germany made it than ourselves.

Hitler was for a moment confused and taken aback. He retorted, however, that it was all our fault: it was we who had driven him into Russia's arms.

But it was the answer of a man who was seeking to excuse himself.

At the beginning of the month, the silence between Berlin and Warsaw and the lack of progress in our talks at Moscow were not the only indications that the barometer might suddenly and rapidly fall.

Apart from the deterioration of the situation at Danzig, the Ger-

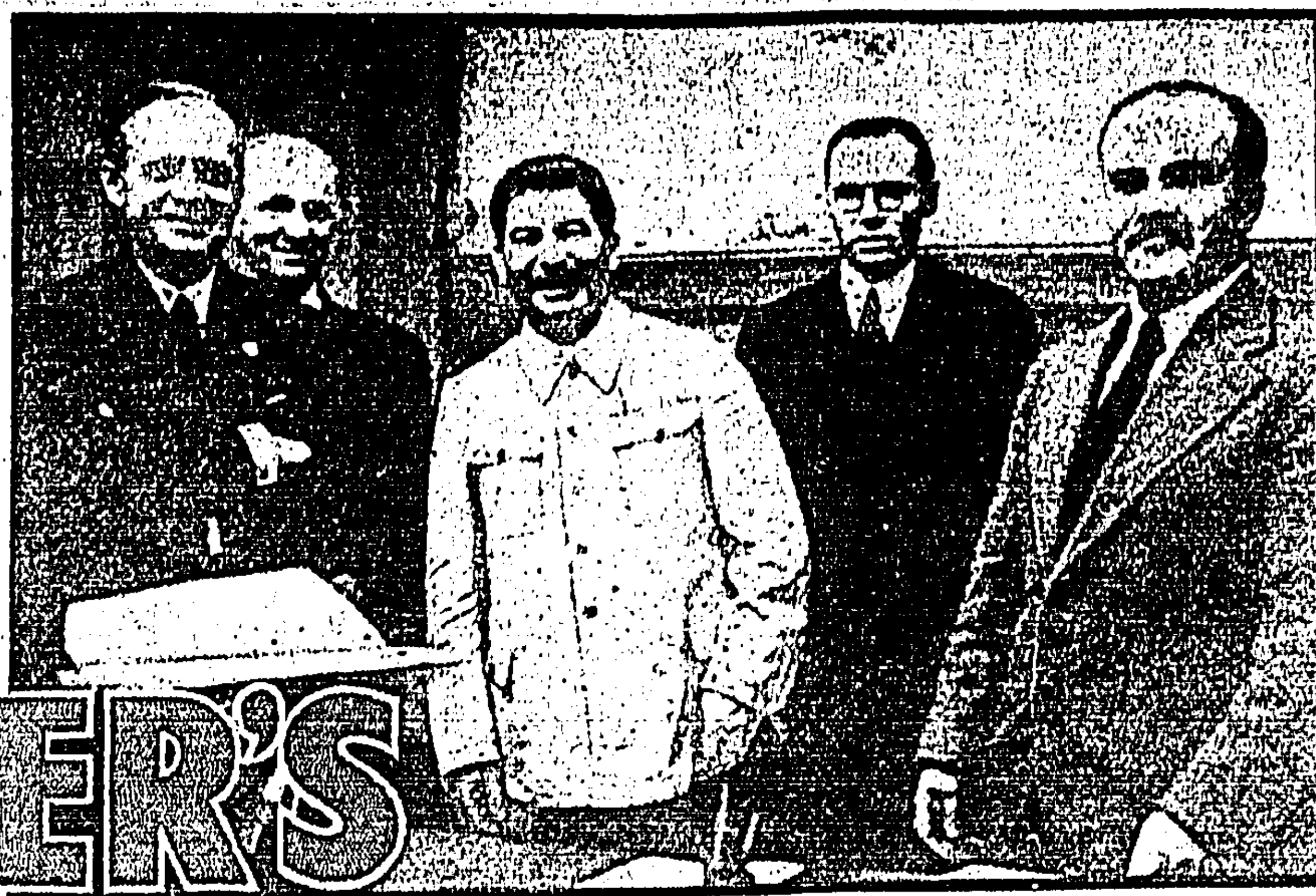
man Army was rapidly nearing the completion of its pre-mobilisation preparations.

The arrangements for the Tannenberg celebrations on August 27 were proceeding systematically, and men and material were being steadily drafted eastwards via Königsberg into East Prussia.

Hitler would shortly be able to choose his own moment for precipitating the crisis, and I was more than ever certain that the last week of August would prove to be zero hour.

Colonel Beck was at this time inquiring what instructions the British and French Governments proposed to give to their ambassa-

These extracts are taken from the book of Sir Nevile Henderson entitled "Failure of a Mission," published by Messrs. Hodder & Stoughton, Ltd.



After signing the Russo-German pact—Ribbentrop (on left), Stalin (centre), and Molotov (right).

dors regarding the Nuremberg Rally in September. The Polish Ambassador, whose position in Berlin had become entirely equivocal, would conform, he said, with whatever was decided as regards his British and French colleagues.

Mobilisation in secret

When I was asked by the Foreign Office what my views were on this point, my answer was that it was still quite uncertain whether the 1939 Nuremberg Party Day would ever take place at all, but that, if we did safely reach September, I would have no hesitation in gladly attending some at least of the celebrations there.

By August 26 we got to September in safety? That was the only consideration which was exercising my mind at that time.

As it was generally understood that Hitler would himself be present and would speak at the Tannenberg anniversary, and as I feared that he would make that occasion the starting point of the crisis, I did my best to find out something about his intentions with regard to that speech.

I could discover nothing, and, in fact, I was probably mistaken. Hitler's action was not to be dependent on a speech.

The Tannenberg anniversary was merely cover for his military preparations against Poland. Just as the military review for the Vienna anniversary in March had been for his Prague coup.

The clouds were, in fact, gathering fast, and the first mutterings of the storm were heard on August 4.

A Polish note to the Danzig Senate had led to a provocative German verbal note to the Polish Government, and the terms of the Polish reply provided Hitler with a motive for the indispensable brain-storm.

Up to that week of notes, public enemy No. 1 was still Great Britain and her alleged policy of encirclement.

From that date the stories of Polish atrocities and references to German honour began to take the leading place in the German newspapers.

The 1938 stories of Czech atrocities against the German minority were rehearsed up almost verbatim in regard to the Poles. How far Herr Hitler himself believed in the truth of these tales must be a matter for conjecture. Germans are prone in any case to convince themselves very readily of anything which they wish to believe. Certainly he behaved as if he did believe, and, even if one gives him the benefit of the doubt, these reports but served to inflame his resentment to the pitch which he or his extremists desired.

It is impossible to exaggerate the influence of Ribbentrop, Goebbels, Himmler and company.

It was consistently sinister, not so much because of its suggestiveness (since Hitler alone decided policy) nor because it merely applauded and encouraged, but because, if Herr Hitler appeared to hesitate the extremists of the party at once proceeded to fabricate situations calculated to drive Herr Hitler into courses which even he at times seems to have shrunk from risking.

So, before long, Hitler's carefully calculated patience was exhausted.

On August 16 I telegraphed to Lord Halifax that I had come to the definite conclusion that, if peace was to be preserved, the present situation could not be allowed to continue, and that the only alternative to war must be some immediate and mediatary action.

My pleas to the Cabinet

In this connection I repeated a suggestion which I had made some time previously, namely, that a personal letter should be addressed by the Prime Minister to Hitler and be delivered by some emissary from London.

Two days later I again telegraphed to the same effect, and stated my conviction that Hitler

had now finally decided upon some form of immediate action which would force the issue.

I alluded to the increased German military strength which had been assembled in East Prussia under cover of the Tannenberg anniversary, and again expressed my apprehension lest that celebration might prove the starting point for the action which Hitler contemplated.

I have little doubt that such was Hitler's original and premeditated intention.

A few days later, definite information, in fact, reached me that the long-expected but carefully concealed German military concentrations were already in progress, and that instructions had been given to complete them by August 24.

One report actually mentioned August 25 as the date fixed for the German advance into Poland.

I believe that the orders to that effect were actually signed by Hitler.

The truth undoubtedly was that by this time, not only were Germany's military preparations sufficiently advanced for Hitler to take the initiative, but also he could now definitely count upon Russia's complicity in his infamous designs against Poland.

What was the Russian price?

The exact date on which he was able to do the latter will be, for obvious reasons, one of the most interesting points which history will have to reveal to us. That and the price, moral and material, which Hitler paid for U.S.S.R. complicity.

In any case, so far as the rest of the world was concerned, it was late in the evening of August 21 that the bombshell was exploded, announcing that negotiations had been concluded for the signature of a Russo-German non-aggression pact and that Ribbentrop would fly to Moscow on August 23 to sign it.

The secret, which on the German side had been known to not more than a few persons, had been well kept.

The first impression in Berlin was one of immense relief, partly at the removal of the dreaded Russian air menace, but more particularly because the public had been led to believe by Goebbels' propaganda that the British negotiations with the U.S.S.R. were really encirclement with a view to a preventive war.

The conclusion of Russo-German non-aggression pact therefore meant that peace was assured, since Britain would not, it was held, fight for Danzig or Poland without Russian aid.

Once again the faith of the German people in the ability of their Fuehrer to obtain his objective without war was reaffirmed.

Its satisfaction was, however, short-lived and the deception considerable when it was realised that Britain's word to Poland did not depend on Russian support.

Those who had fought the war of Nazism against Communism were furthermore puzzled by this complete volte-face. The Nazi theory of racial purity had been discarded in March and in August the second of its basic principles, namely, anti-Communism, was thus equally relegated to the scrap heap.

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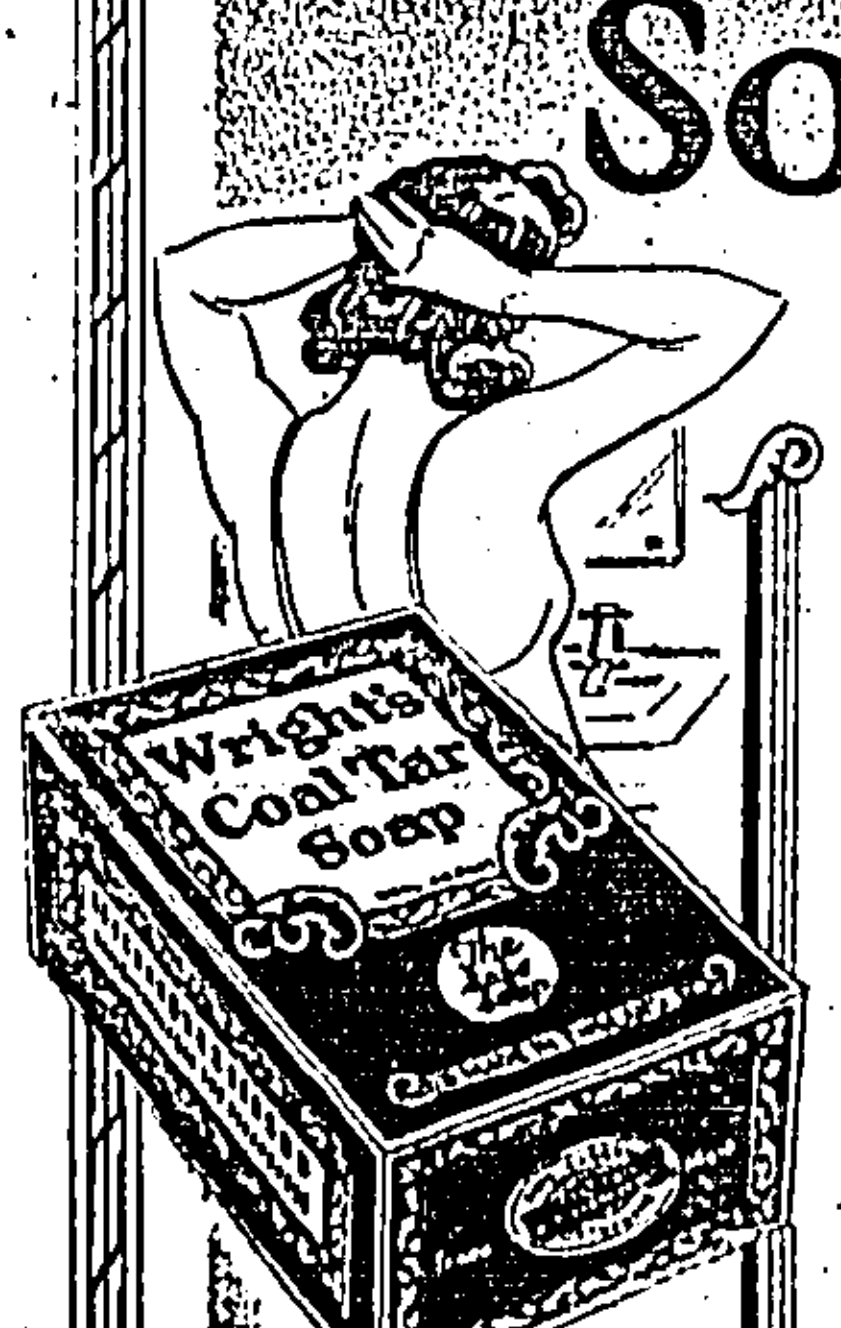


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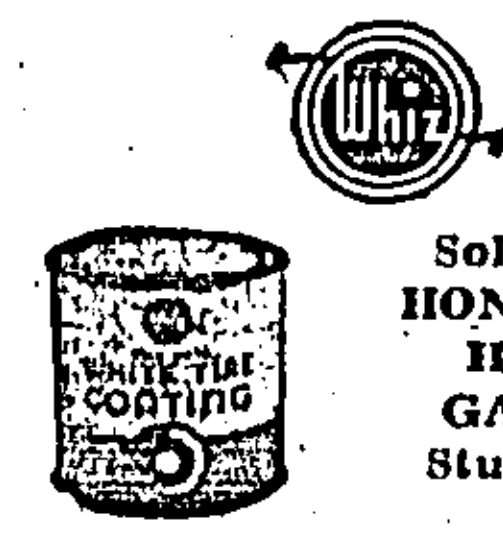


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Lion and The Uniform

A recent question in the House of Commons seemed to indicate that many British soldiers would welcome a relaxation of the order that forbids them to appear in civilian clothes, when on leave.

The days are gone when the uniform could be reckoned one of the great attractions that induced a man to take the King's shilling, when the recruit, having attained to all the glory of scarlet tunic and gold braid, might feel something of the elation of Gilbert's character, who confessed:

When I first put this uniform on
I said, as I looked in the glass,
"It's one to a million
That any civilian

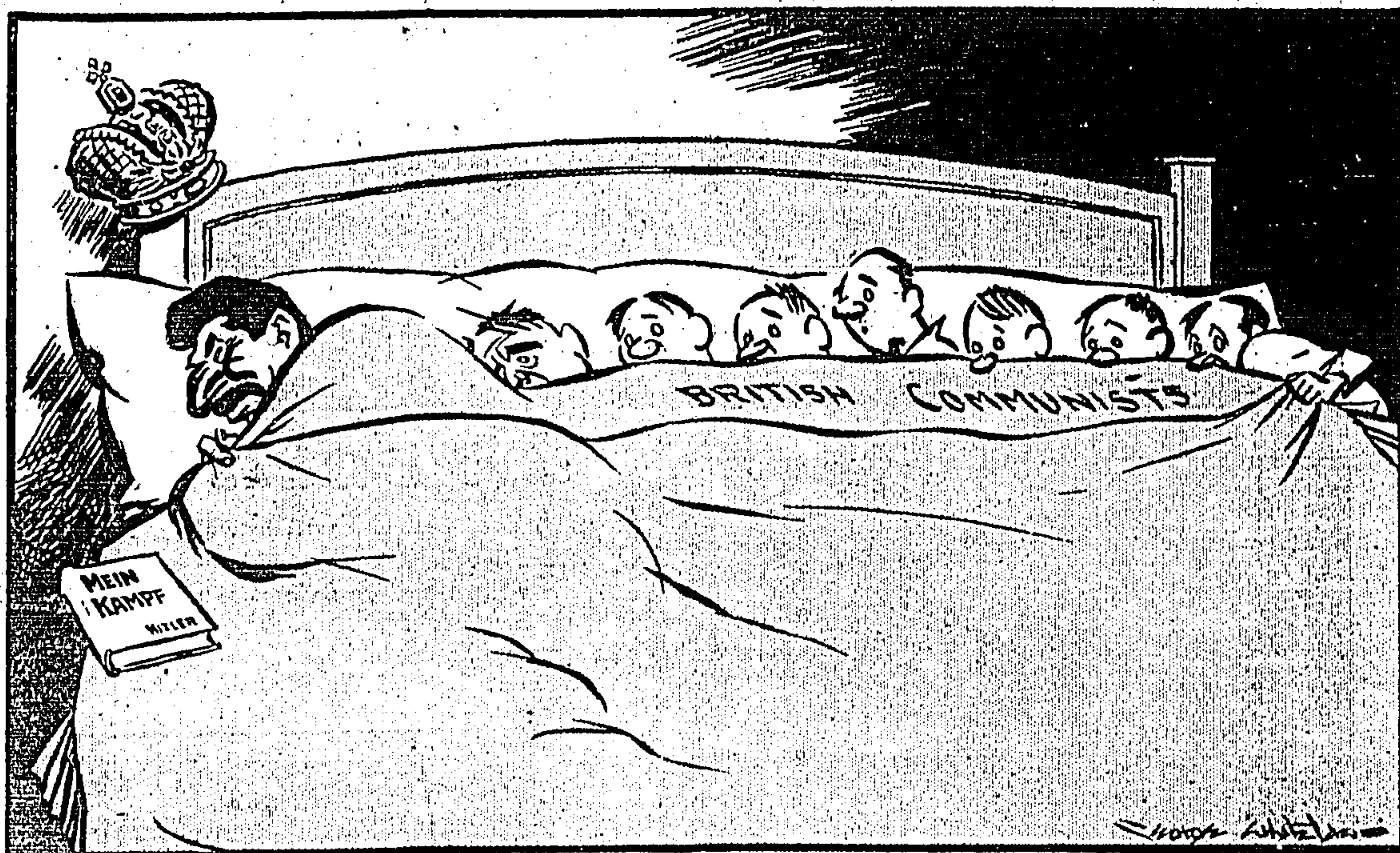
My figure or form will surpass."

For the King's uniform, no less honoured than in the past, is considerably less decorative than it was; and though the new "battle dress" is of course very fashionable wear at the moment, it is hardly what the tailors' advertisements call "natty suits."

Then again, times have changed as well as uniforms: At Home the British soldier of to-day is usually a civilian performing an unwished-for duty, and not of the type who takes tunics for splendour and pants for glory. However much a lion in action, he does not like the arrangement that when

The lion in his uniform is fighting for the crown,
The lion wears his uniform all round the town.
For his natural preference is for the role of a citizen devoted to peaceful pursuits. And it does seem that he might be allowed to dress the part on a holiday.

STRUBE WILL REAPPEAR TO-MORROW



"WHEN FATHER SAYS TURN, WE ALL TURN!"

I Sailed with Angus McLeod..

Through the North Sea Zone

BY A. J. McWHINNIE (Our Naval Correspondent)

IT'S surprising whom you meet when you are in a war-ship, far out in the North Sea, watching the war from a ringside seat.

I met Angus McLeod, of Stormaway, for instance—both of him.

I have just landed at an East Coast port after a voyage through nearly 1,000 miles of the world's most dangerous sea. The warship has been conveying long lines of merchantmen to British ports for the unloading of holds crammed with your food.

One dark night, well out from shore, I went on the bridge with the men of the middle watch. The ship was rolling heavily. The wind howled. It was icy cold.

Look Out!

On each wing of the bridge a hooded, muffled, lookout man peered through the chilled,inky blackness of the North Sea night.

Sometimes one would sing out, "Wreck to starboard, sir." And sometimes the other would follow with, "Darkened ship ahead, sir."

Both those lookout men were named Angus McLeod.

Do you remember the peace-time story of Angus McLeod? I wrote it just more than five months ago on the sunny afternoon of a fine summer's day when the first of the Naval Reserve were being called up as an emergency measure.

We weren't at war then.

"Here, Sir!"

I went to Portsmouth to watch the first arrivals, answering the emergency summons to serve their country. In a crowded room at the R.N. Barracks a petty officer bellowed the name, "Angus McLeod."

And ten men stepped smartly forward. They all came from the Hebrides.

The war came. I often wondered what had happened to the ten Angus McLeods. I know now. For these ten Angus McLeods were among the ten who reported for duty at Portsmouth.

Since that sunny, peaceful day at Portsmouth they have been places. And they have seen strange things. Together they have voyaged through nearly 15,000 miles of danger, risking nearly every peril the war at sea can throw up.

Week in and week out they have been crooping gingerly round the mine-fields, guarding and guiding the merchant ships, bringing goods to Britain.

Right glibly night they have been roused when off watch by the ship's alarm bell. They are as accustomed to answering the call "action stations"

Do You Remember This Picture?



IT was in the "Telegraph" on August 1, and showed Scots naval reservists reporting for duty at Portsmouth. Ten Angus McLeods were there, and there are now 200 Angus McLeods in the war at sea.

As the landlubber is to obeying traffic signals.

There have been times when Nazi planes have roared overhead. That is why the brass fittings of their warship which once sparkled in the sun and the moonlight are never polished now.

At times a U-boat has been detected in the vicinity on the secret "Asdic" apparatus. A moment later the McLeods have been helping to send depth charges crashing and roaring under the sea.

I have seen the McLeods at the guns.

But through all these things no one ever saw an Angus McLeod bat an eyelid.

Sea Cemetery

If you have never been to sea in war-time you have never felt the sadness of seeing a nautical cemetery.

All over the vastness of the water which separates this island of ours from the rest of Europe there are wrecks.

These half-submerged funnels and masts look like sunken tombstones, rocking and swaying mournfully with the wind and the waves.

It is out there, in the North Sea, that you realise what Nazi aggression really means. You see the victims of Hitler's murder mines—ships like the Simon Bolivar. I saw her, too.

But, whether they see Nazi mines, German planes, wrecks, flares dropped from the skies, and themselves blanketed in fog or rolling, pitching and tossing in wild seas, or suspect that U-boats are near, the two McLeods never seem to change the look on their rugged, Western Isle faces.

Only for five minutes on that 1,000-mile trip did I see their faces relax. That was during the five minutes separating 1939 from 1940.

It was Hogmanny. The Captain had called all Seelmen of watch to join him.

The two McLeods and all the other Seelmen raised their glasses to their captain and their ship. And he raised his glass to them.

Little Sleep..

It wasn't long after that the alarm bell was ringing through the ship. Among those who climbed out of their hammocks were two Angus McLeods.

I watched them trotting with the rest of the ship's company to "action stations."

As they passed along the pitch-black deck of the ship they probably adjusted their new inflatable rubber life-jackets. They sleep and work in them. The old cork life-jackets are not being worn this war.

It didn't seem possible, as the ship became alive with men passing to their stations, that so short a time before they had been wishing each other a Happy New Year.

After this 1,000-mile trip to see the war at sea I know something about disturbed sleep. The men of the Royal Navy are almost getting accustomed to lack of sleep by now.

There must be an art, I suppose, in sleeping in your clothes with a rubber life-jacket under your coat all the time. It is an art which, for nearly a thousand miles, I failed to master.

.. And No Baths!

Ship's officers have their baths only when in port. There is never a moment at sea when they can be certain that the officer of the watch won't have the necessity for sounding the alarm.

That shrill summons has to be answered almost in seconds.

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If you live round the coast you may see one of the Angus McLeods walking jauntily through your main street when his ship is in port.

But, for the same reason that I cannot repeat the name of the ship in which I sailed, he can have only the letters H.M.S. on his sailor hat.

And if any enemy agent thinks he can discover which ship this particular Angus McLeod sails in he will be making a foolish guess.

Besides the two I have been with, there are another 200 Angus McLeods playing their part in Britain's war at sea.

Too old to fight—

from Sydney Smith

An airport near London. I watched a flight of brand new eight-gun Hurricane fighters take off from here this morning, piloted on a delivery flight to their first R.A.F. active service stations by civilian fliers whose average ages were between thirty and forty years.

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Wherever the R.A.F. needs its new aircraft delivered the A.T.A. pilots, some of them men who fought their first air battles on the Western Front twenty-five years ago, are delivering them to-day.

I visited the A.T.A. squadron earlier this morning at their headquarters to see them begin a day's work.

Take a haphazard sample of those pilots and you find men like these: Wal Handley, T.T. motor-cycle rider; Rupert Bellville, the Etonian bullfighter who flew in Spain during the civil war; Philip Wills, London shipping merchant who holds the British height and long distance gliding records; and Sidney Cummings, Brooklands racing motorist. One of the pilots, a flier of the last war, has only one hand. But he is qualified to fly any single-engined warplane for delivery. Spitfires included.

The veteran of the squadron, who flew "box kites" and Blériots before 1914, is forty-six-year-old Captain Norman Edgar, founder and director of Western Airways. To-day, he is still fit to deliver new Hurricanes and Blenheims to the R.A.F.

—but still serving

WAR IN NORWAY

ENORMOUS LOSSES

Norwegian Minister Tolls Of Havoc

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—"Our losses have been very great," declared Professor Kohlt in an interview with Reuters today.

He added that vast numbers had been killed or wounded or had disappeared. A great part of the Norwegian forces have been lost.

They had still, however, in the far north a very fine army which was absolutely intact.

This army, he said, should be of great assistance to the Allies especially as it was the strongest party of the Army and knew every inch of the difficult country.

This force was well-equipped but there was a shortage of anti-aircraft guns.

Largo German Army

Regarding the size of the German army in Norway, Professor Kohlt said that it might be 50,000 or 100,000 but in any case it was very large.

He also stated that no appeal of any kind had been made by the Norwegian Government to Sweden for assistance. They did not want their good Swedish friends to be dragged through the misery they were going through and suffer the same fate as themselves.

Sweden, he said, would remain neutral as long as she was able to but what the future would bring was a matter for conjecture.

Referring to what had been written about the alleged treachery of the Norwegians and the "Quislings" in the country, Professor Kohlt said that he had not heard of a single instance of treachery.

There were Nazi sympathisers in Norway but no Norwegian traitors.

Roosevelt's Horror

WASHINGTON, May 6 (Reuter).—"The bombing of helpless and unprotected civilians has aroused the horror of all man-kind," says President Roosevelt in a letter to the Annual Convention of the American Red Cross.

"I can assure you of my strongest support for any international convention which will give protection to the civilian non-combatant populations," continues the letter.

Civilians' Sufferings

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—Photographs of the havoc caused by German air raids on Norwegian towns appeared in the British press today.

The pictures graphically show the wreckage of a town that was once Steinkjer, where only one building is left whole—and that by accident. The pictures tell more vividly than any words could what the civilian population of Norway has had to endure.

Elverum is in ruins while at Andalsnes the wreckage is shown piled 20 feet high.

Goering Going To Bucharest

Diplomatic Activity In The Balkans

BUCHAREST, May 6 (Reuter).—Field Marshal Hermann Goering, who is a Director of the Skoda Works, is daily expected here.

It is understood that the Nazis have been sounding the Rumanian authorities on the proposal that he be elected to the board of the Sarex Company, the trading branch of the Skoda Works in Rumania.

The Sarex Company owns shares in the principal arms firms of Rumania and is represented on their respective boards.

It is believed that Marshal Goering's brother is seeking this representation but that the idea has already been rejected by the Rumanians.

Turkish Negotiations

BUCHAREST, May 6 (Reuter).—A Turkish economic delegation has arrived here to open negotiations with the Rumanian economic authorities.

The Turkish Ambassador will preside at the talks.

Pope And Portugal

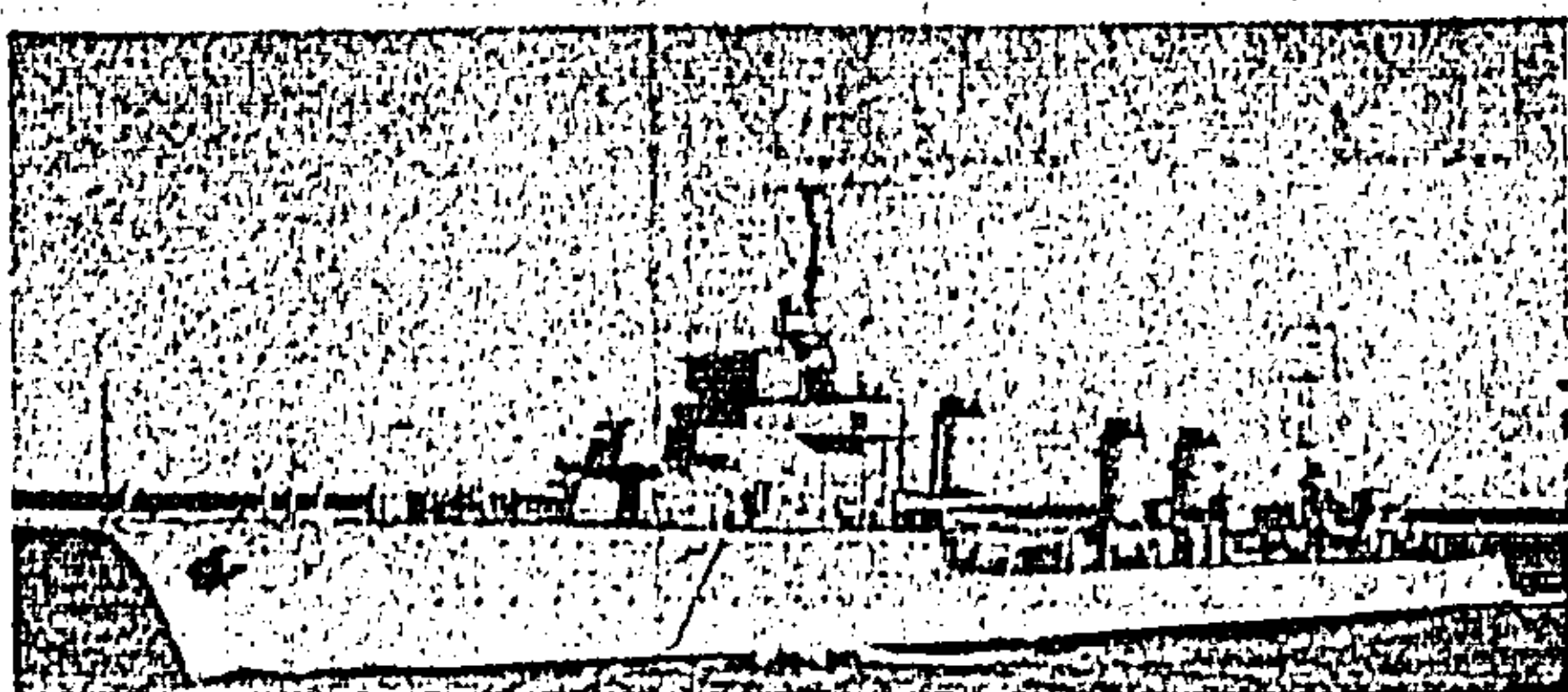
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". ROME, May 6 (UP).—It is officially announced that His Holiness the Pope and the Portuguese Minister on Tuesday will sign a new concordat regulating the religious situation in Portugal and authorising the Pontiff henceforth to appoint Portuguese bishops.

Portugal will be allowed to veto any of the appointees if the internal political situation makes it necessary.

Remarkable Escape

Pilot's Experience 25,000 Feet Up

LONDON, May 6 (British Wireless).—The story was told in London today by the Commander of an H.A.F. squadron in France of the experience of one of his pilots, who, after bringing down a Nazi fighter in combat, found his own engine in



THE DESTROYER BISON.

Three Destroyers Sunk By Enemy Air Action

THE three Allied navies—British, French and Polish—have each sustained the loss of a destroyer in the latest operations at sea. In each case, the vessels concerned are destroyers and all three were victims of bombing attacks by Nazi planes.

The British Admiralty has announced the loss of the 1,800-ton destroyer Afridi, which has a complement of 200 men.

The Afridi is a sister-ship of the famous Cockade, which rescued the British sailors from the Nazi hell-ship Altmarr just prior to the Nazi invasion of Norway.

France's First Loss

The French Ministry of the Navy announces the loss of the 2,346-ton destroyer Bison, which was sunk during a German air attack on an Allied transport convoy in the North Sea on May 3.

The entire complement of 209 were saved.

It is officially announced by the Polish Government that the 2,144-ton Polish destroyer Grom was sunk by bombs whilst engaged in operations off Norway.

One Officer and 65 ratings are missing and are presumed dead.

The Grom, together with other units of the Polish Navy which escaped from the Baltic in September, has been actively co-operating with the British Fleet since the beginning of the war.

An offer by the British Government to replace the Grom by another destroyer has been accepted by the Polish Government.

The Grom was one of the newest destroyers in the Polish Navy. She was built at the White Yards, Cowes, in 1936 and had a normal complement of 180 Officers and men. Her name means "Thunderbolt".

The French destroyer Bison, which was launched in 1935, figured in the news in February last year, when she was almost cut in two in a collision off the coast of Brittany with the cruise-ship Georges Leygues.

Twelve sailors were killed and nine missing as a result of the collision. The Bison was successfully towed into port, where she was repaired in time to join the French Navy at the outbreak of war.

In the report of her loss on Friday, the French Admiralty states that she was conveying a troop transport flotilla which was attacked in the North Sea by enemy aircraft. None of the ships in the convoy were hit but the Bison was sunk. A large number of the crew were saved.

The Bison is the first French ship to be sunk by enemy action in the present war.

Absurd Nazi Allegation

Norwegian Commander Held, They Claim

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—German allegations that the Norwegian Commander, General Ruze, is kept a prisoner on board a British ship are refuted by an authoritative statement issued in London.

The allegation that from this ship the English sent out a call to the Norwegians urging them to fight on is also refuted.

The statement says that the facts are that General Ruze boarded a British warship at his own request, that the ship was provided specially for him and his staff, and that his subsequent movements had been decided by his own wishes.

He is now on Norwegian soil.

Unscrupulous Stories

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—The Ministry of Information states: "During the last 36 hours, the German Wireless and news services have been spreading unscrupulous stories about impending trouble on the Balkan frontiers. Many of the stories conflict."

"Others issued from Berlin are denied—also from Berlin—an hour or two later after issue."

"The purpose is clear. By spreading these stories, Germany seeks to create just that atmosphere of uncertainty which will favour her own purpose."

flames when 25,000 feet above the ground.

The young pilot, decided to "ball out" and left the machine, but having had to disconnect the oxygen tube, lost consciousness immediately after.

When he regained his senses, he was falling through a cloud. "I thought I was in heaven," he said, "but when I reached the other side of the cloud, I decided that I was not so I pulled the ripcord of the parachute to prevent me from going elsewhere."

ANOTHER NEW DEATH WEAPON

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". WASHINGTON, May 6 (UP).—According to the latest issue of the Army and Navy Journal, German planes are being equipped with cannons to destroy French planes which, says the report, would be "blown to bits in the air as a result of a direct hit by an explosive bullet."

To these figures must be added the machines destroyed on the ground or at sea during British raids on German air bases in Norway. Of these losses, only the Germans know.

Nazis Fly Over Sweden

STOCKHOLM, May 6 (Reuter).—A German seaplane flew over southern Swedish territory today and alighted in the sea at the entrance to the channel which separates Sweden and Denmark.

A ship, called by a Swedish plane, picked up the German plane and her crew.

A German plane made a forced landing in Swedish territory on Saturday near the frontier north of Narvik.

Some foreign planes flew over this territory on Sunday.

Speeding Up Production

Gigantic Allied Plan For More Warplanes

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—An intensive campaign for speeding up the production of warplanes and the training of airmen has been started.

This is signalled by the changes now announced in the training of airmen and the appointment of a controller of light alloys by the Air Ministry.

It is expected that men will now be able to pass through the various training stages much more quickly.

Joint Effort

The Empire Air Training Scheme is being pressed forward and in addition arrangements are now made for training schools not only in France but in the French Empire.

This will be a joint effort by the British and French Empires.

One of the difficulties in production hitherto has been connected with light alloys, the production of which has had to be multiplied many times compared with peace-time requirements.

This has hitherto been in the hands of volunteer controllers lacking certain powers. A full-time controller with the necessary powers has now been appointed.

Details Of Scheme

LONDON, May 6 (British Wireless).—The large and rapid expansion of the R.A.F. has necessitated the reorganisation of training arrangements, which will now be divided into two commands—one dealing with flying training and the other technical.

Hitherto there have been two training commands, each of which has undertaken both air and technical instruction.

In February, 1939, a separate reserve command was formed in order to relieve the regular training command and concentrated special attention to the R.A.F. Volunteer Reserve, whose training being on a part-time basis, had to be dealt with on different lines from the whole-time training of the regular R.A.F.

Full-time was, of course, assumed by the Volunteer Reserve directly war broke out, and thereafter training distinction largely disappeared. Moreover, competent authorities point out, it is desirable that intensive training of personnel should remain under one command.

Technical Training Command

It, therefore, has been decided to create a Technical Training Command under Acting Air-Marshal W. L. Welsh, which will undertake the complete training of the exceedingly large number of high skilled men required for the maintenance of aircraft and equipment, and a Flying Training Command under Acting Air-Marshal L. A. Patterson, which will be responsible for training pilots and air crews.

Tours Bomber Command Units

LONDON, May 6 (British Wireless).—Captain H. H. Balfour, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Air, on Sunday toured R.A.F. Bomber Command units that have been heavily engaged in recent operations.

Captain Balfour, piloting a three-seater monoplane, visited several stations where he had an opportunity of conveying the appreciation of the Air Council for the achievements of the squadrons.

At one station, he was introduced to four N.C.O.'s who, as members of different bombers, had all been decorated for outstanding gallantry.

HEAVY AIR LOSSES

Complete Superiority Established By R.A.F.

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—A close scrutiny of all available information shows that during the past four weeks German losses in aircraft greatly exceeded those of Britain.

This was so despite the higher risks to which the R.A.F. and Fleet Air Arm were inevitably exposed during the Norwegian campaign.

British losses on all fronts are shown to have totalled 40 machines. Nazis lost 200 Machines.

Germany, on the other hand, is computed to have lost for certain 138 planes, while as many as 97 others probably have been completely destroyed or put out of action for some time.

These figures are based on Air Ministry and Admiralty announcements, authoritative reports in neutral and Norwegian Press and news agency, and newspaper dispatches received in London.

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WESTERN FRONT

ALL QUIET!

PARIS, May 6 (Reuter).—To-night's communiqué states that there is nothing of importance to report.

There was some artillery fire in Lower Alsace.

French Communiqué

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". PARIS, May 6 (UP).—To-day's communiqué says the Germans attacked French outposts, one mile from Bles after heavy artillery preparations.

The fighting continues but the outcome is not yet known.

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS

H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.) . . . 1,405 3/4
H.K. Banks (H.K. Reg.) . . . 2,911 1/2
Chartered Bank (H.K. Reg.) . . . 2,911 1/2
Mercantile, A. & B. . . 31 1/2
Mercantile, C. . . 12 1/2
East Asia . . . 75 1/2

INSURANCES

Canton . . . 230 n.
Union . . . 485 n.
China Underwriters . . . 85 cts. n.
H.K. Fire . . . 175 n.

SHIPPING

Douglsons . . . 120 n.
Stamblons . . . 11 b.
Indo-China . . . 100 n.
Indo-China D.S. . . 80 n.
Shell (Bearers) . . . 70/- n.
Waterboats & S.A. . . 6.00 n.

DOCKS ETC.

Wharves & S. . . 100 n.
Docks (c. rts.) . . . 21 1/2 n.
Docks (x. rts.) . . . 10 1/2 n.
Docks (rts.) . . . 0.70 n.
Provident . . . 4.35 n.
Sh. Docks Sh. . . 73 n.

BURNING

Kailan s/- . . . 20/4 1/2
Rauba s/- . . . 9.05 n.
H.K. Mines . . . 0.65 n.

LANDS

Hotels . . . 4 1/2 n.
Lands . . . 37 n.
Lands 4 1/2 . . . 100 n.
Shui Lands Sh. . . 17.20 n.
Humphreys . . . 8 n.
H.K. Realities . . . 4.40 n.
Chinese Estates . . . 103 n.

UTILITIES

Trams . . . 17.00 s.
Peak Trams (old) . . . 8 n.
Peak Trams (new) . . . 4 n.
Star Ferries . . . 0.7 n.
Y. Ferries & S. . . 22.85 n.
China Lights (old) . . . 7.00 n.
China Lights (new) . . . 4.00 n.
H.K. Electric . . . 64 1/2 n.
Macao Electric . . . 21.10 n.
Sandsan Lights . . . 11 1/4 n.
Telephones (old) . . . 20 n.
Telephones (new) . . . 10.10 n.

INDUSTRIALS

Cald. Macg. (Ord.) . . . 14.00 n.
Cald. Macg. (Pref.) . . . 12 n.
Canton Irons . . . 1 n.
Cements . . . 17 1/2 n.
H.K. Ropes . . . 5.53 n.

STREETS, &c.

Dairy Farms . . . 22 s.
Watsons . . . 9.15 n.
Lane Crawford . . . 8 1/2 n.
Sinceres . . . 2.30 b.
Wing On (H.K.) . . . 30 n.
Powell Ltd. . . . 1 1/4 b.

COTTON MILLS

Ewo Sh. Sh. . . 230 n.
Shai Cotton Sh. . . 230 n.

MISC.

H.K. Entertainments . . . 7.20 b.
Constructions (old) . . . 1 1/2 n.
Constructions (new) . . . 1 n.
Vibro Piling . . . 10 1/2 n.
Ch. Govt. 1025 G.S.Bds. 52 1/2 n.
H.K. Govt. 4 1/2 Loan . . . 103 n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2 Loan . . . 97 n.
Marsmans (Lon.) s/- . . . 13/3 n.
Marsmans Inv. (H.K.) s/- . . . 4/- n.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

May 7, 1909.
An American writer says that many careful observers of financial affairs, national and international, look with misgivings upon the monetary situation in England, and some of them are predicting that the present craze for speculative investments will end in a disastrous panic, in which not only Great Britain and her colonies, but the leading nations of Europe and America will suffer severely.

There is no much danger of Queen Victoria abdicating the throne of England in favour of Albert Edward of Wales as long as she lives.

In spite of the frivolities of his early life, Albert Edward (later King Edward VII.—Ed.) has always been the favourite child of the Queen. "When, some months ago, the youthful Emperor of Germany came here and received the honours of the army and the salutes of his own and the British fleet as a monarch, it undoubtedly touched the sympathy of the mother in the Queen to see her first son as yet only a Prince, and lowering in the social scale than the head of the Hohenzollerns."

25 YEARS AGO

May 7, 1915.
Sir Edward Grey, replying to various questions regarding the Japanese demands on China, stated that no communication had been received from Japan or Great Britain on the subject.

Sir Edward declined to make a definite statement concerning the Japanese demands on China, pending the conclusion of the negotiations in Peking; but he emphasised that concessions granted by China, could not be transferred to a subject of another Power without the consent of the Government of the concessions.

Mr. C. A. Gladstone, of the Flying Corps, is reported missing. Mr. Gladstone was a master at Eton and is a son of the Rev. Stephen Gladstone. He has two brothers serving with Indian regiments.

The "Vossische Zeitung", the "Berliner Tageblatt" and the "Lokalanzeiger" contain pessimistic articles on Italy's attitude, and confirm the reports that Austria-Hungary recently made fresh proposals in the hope of satisfying Italy. They admit that the situation has become most grave in the last few days, and even hours, and assert that if a peaceful solution is impossible, the German empire will meet the new situation undiminished.

The following information has been received from home regarding the disposal of the following who left Hongkong on the Nubia on January 9 last to join the New Armies:—

C. E. M. Olive, W. Ladd, and N. C. Channett, have joined the 25th Battalion Royal Fusiliers (Frontier Force) R. I. F. and C. West, have joined East Kent Regiment (The Buffs), R. I. F. White has joined Army Service Corps as a Clerk, and W. M. Stevens has joined the Canadians.

Mr. H. G. Dixey, who left in the Hiram Maru on January 13 last with the same object, has obtained a commission in the 1st North Midland Brigade R.F.A. as 2nd Lieutenant. He was an ex-cadet of the Oxford University Officers Training Corps.

10 YEARS AGO

May 7, 1900.
The batting strength of the Australian Test team was again demonstrated today when Australia compiled a total of 305 runs for the loss of five wickets. There were a few extras in the innings, Richardson being exactly a hundred when his wicket was taken. Abraham, however, has now 105 runs to his credit and is not out.

This morning's London newspapers record the 20th anniversary of the accession to the Throne of His Majesty King George. There were a few special celebrations apart from the usual 21 gun salutes at Hyde Park and Windsor.

Miss Amy Johnson, who is aged 22, left Croydon at 5.40 this morning in a tiny Moth aeroplane, the "Jason" in an attempt at a solo flight to Australia.

5 YEARS AGO

May 7, 1935.
Brilliant weather favoured the big naval and military review at Happy Valley this morning, which formed the major event in to-day's Silver Jubilee celebrations. Large crowds gathered to witness what was a most spectacular scene, marked only by the fact that forty of the men participating had to be carried off by ambulance men, having collapsed before the parade began, due to standing in the blazing sun for about an hour.

The review was in charge of Lieut. Col. R. E. Henson, Officer Commanding the 2nd Battalion Royal Welch Fusiliers, and the salute was taken by H.E. the Governor Sir William Peel who accompanied by H.E. Major General O. C. Burritt, G. O. C. China Command, Brigadier General Self-Smith and Colonel H. C. Harrison, inspected the forces on horse-back.

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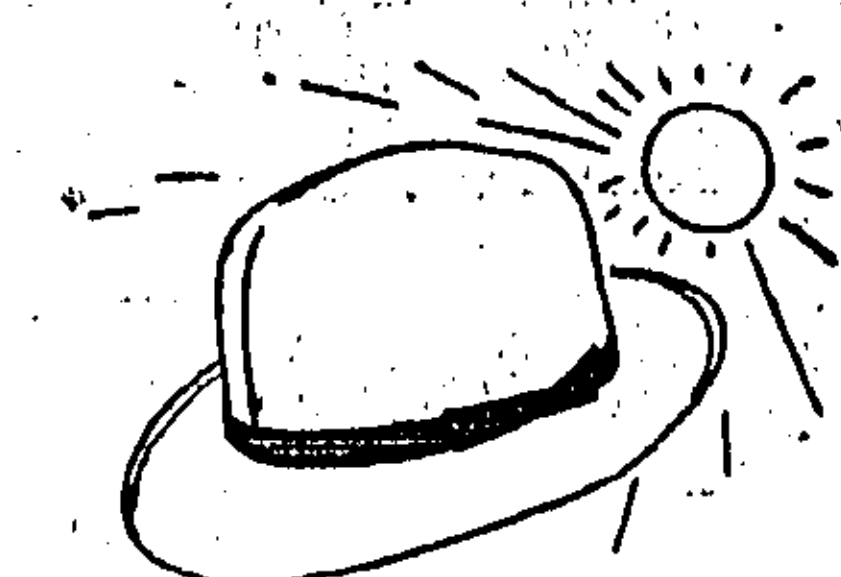
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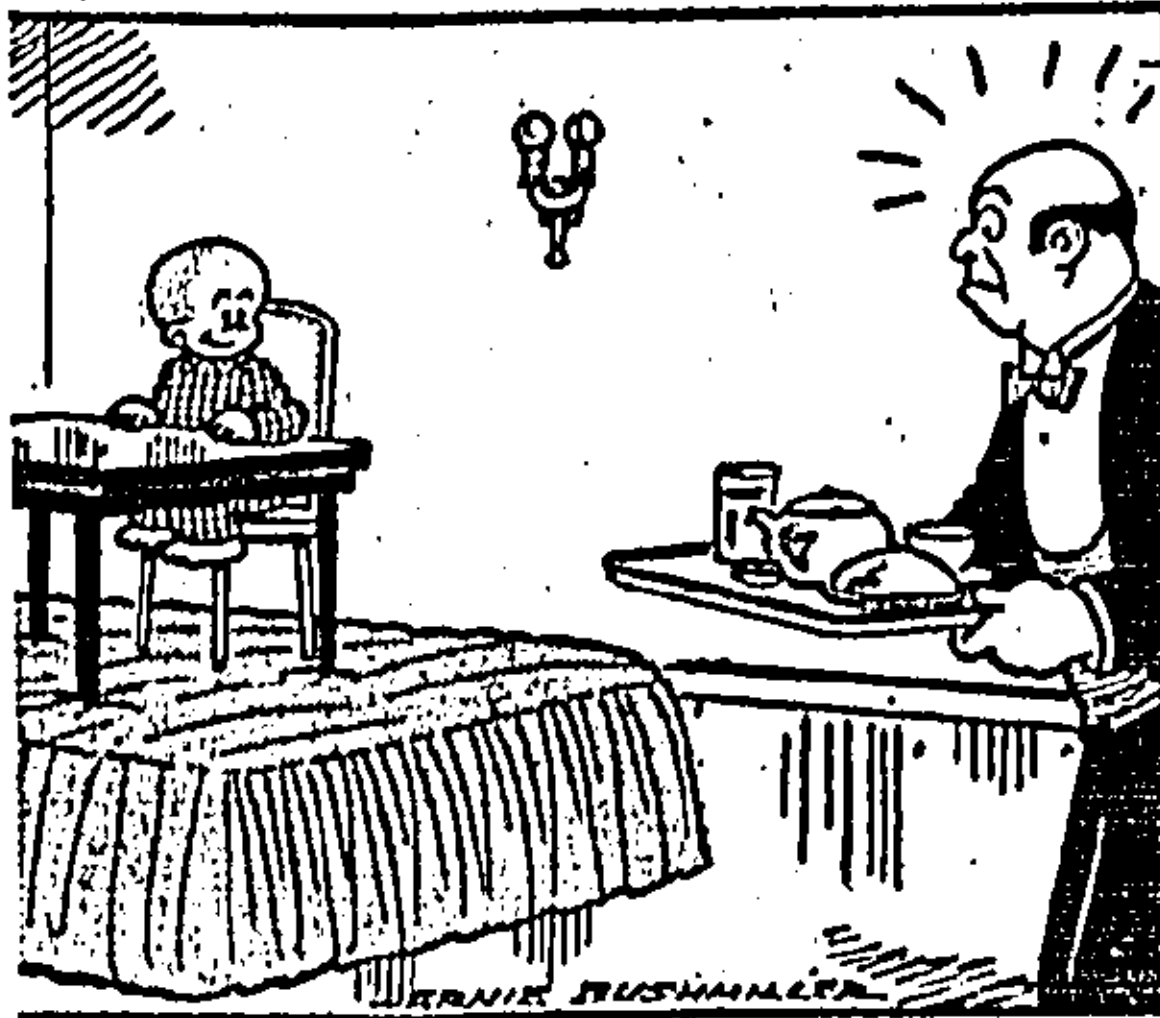
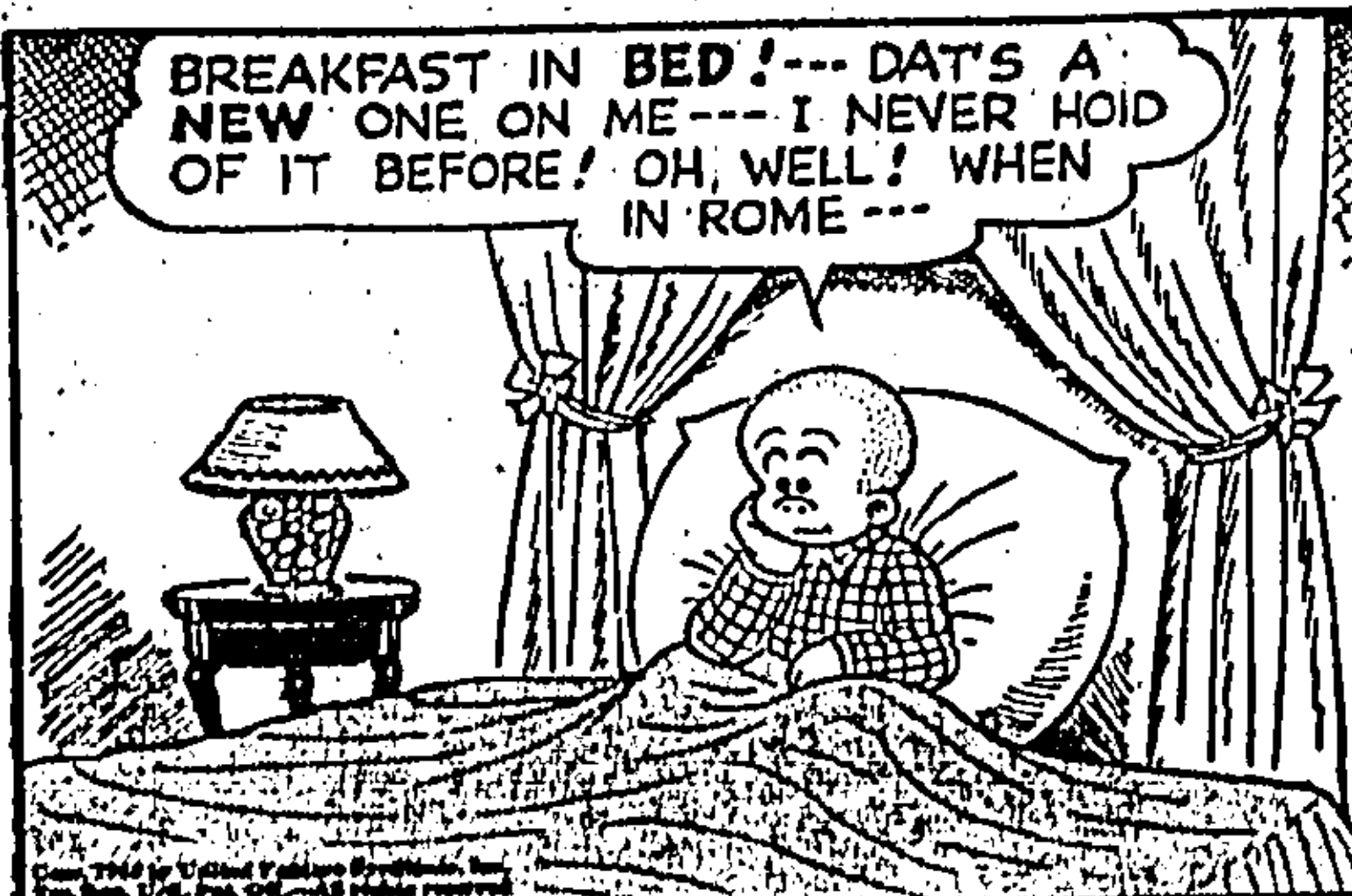
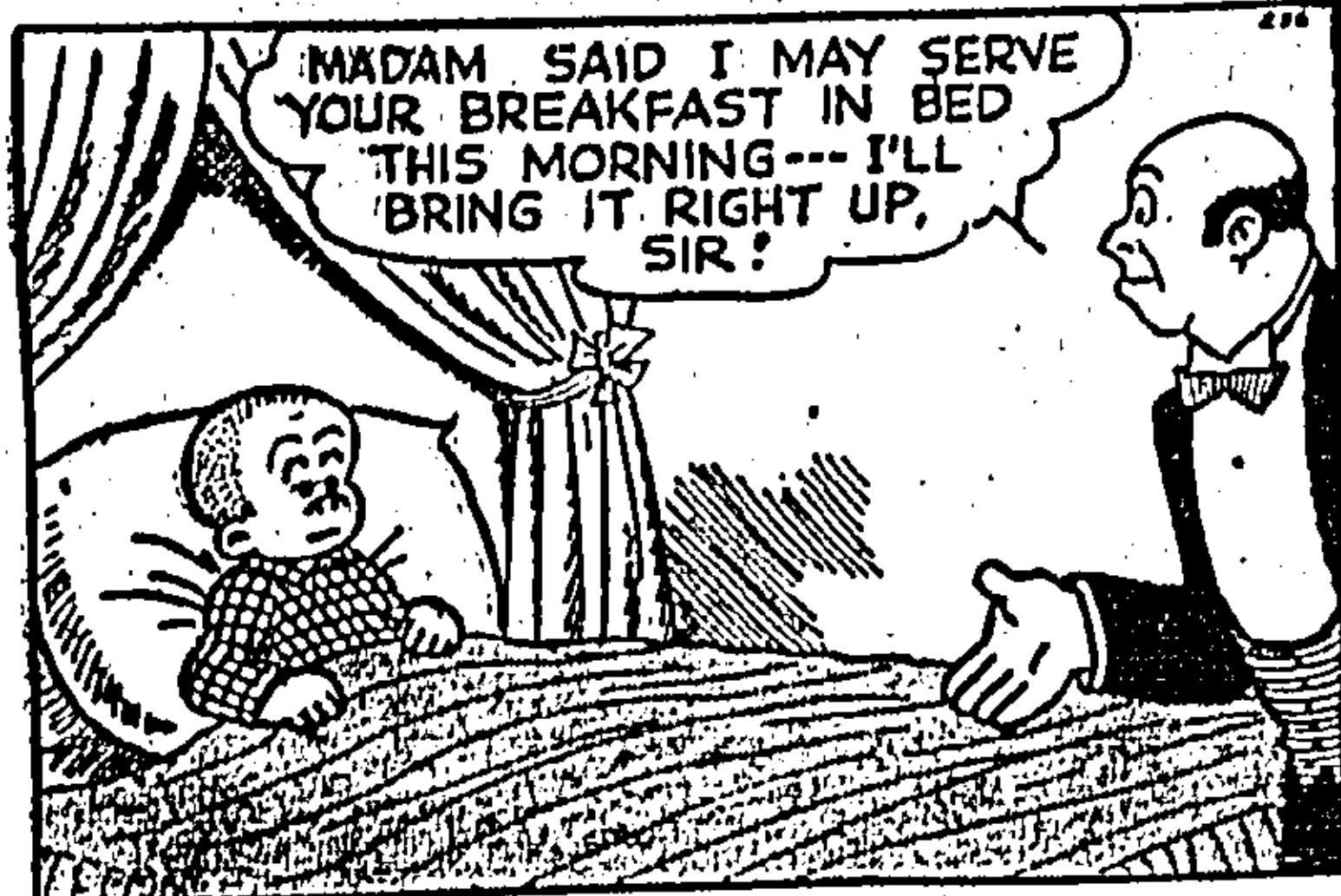
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How Plane Attacked Lighthouse Men

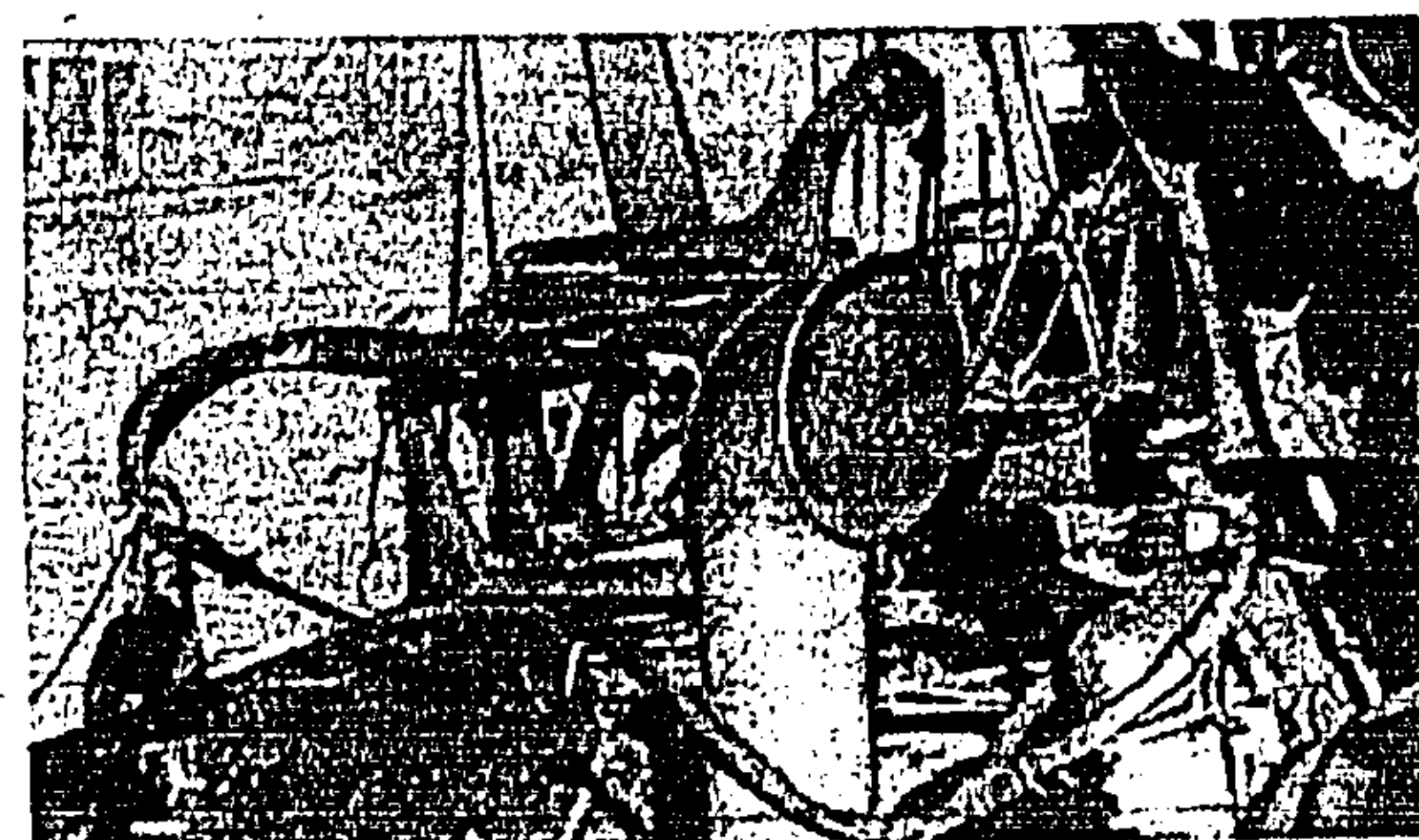
HERE are the first pictures to be taken on board the lighthouse vessel, Reculver, after she had been attacked by a Nazi bomber.

The steamer was making the rounds of lightships with relief crews when the Nazi plane swept down on her.

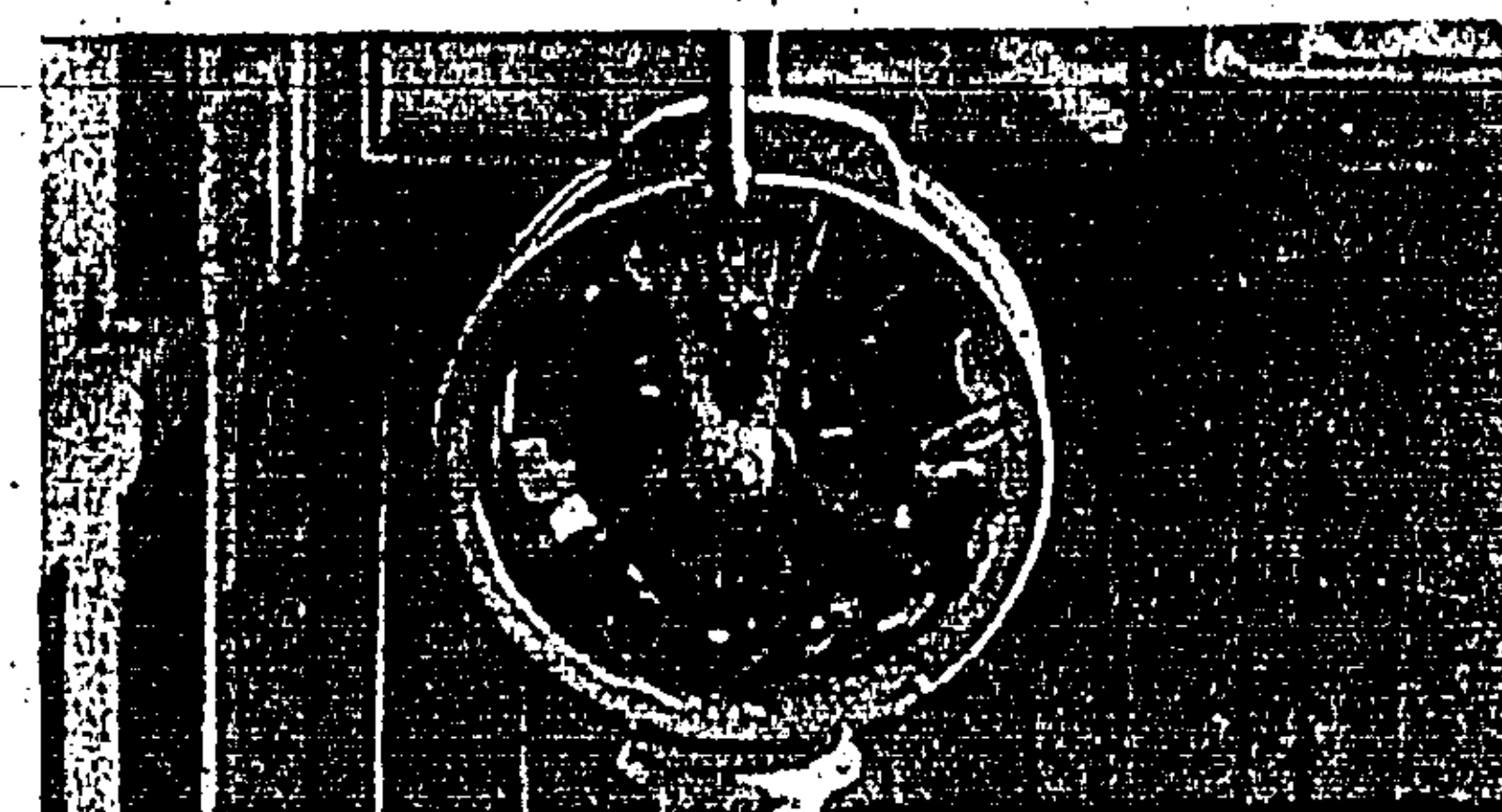
Bombs struck the ship, and machine-guns raked the decks, wounding 32 of the 40 men on board.



BUCKLED PLATES and a gaping hole in the deck are ample evidence of the murderous attack on the Reculver. A bomb did this damage. Near the bottom of the funnel can be seen bullet holes made during the half-hour's attack.



THE CREW of the Reculver could not escape. The boats were riddled with bullets and, as is shown above, davy's were wrecked, making launching impossible.



FURTHER PROOF of the concentrated attack on the Trinity House vessel. The engine-room telegraph on the bridge was smashed by bullets and the captain escaped death by a miracle.

REALISM NEEDED

British Press And The Norway Situation

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—The British press to-day did not give much space to speculations about Tuesday's debate in the House of Commons, most of the papers being content to put forward their own views.

Opinions differ, but they have a thing in common—their insistence on absolute realism.

The "Daily Express" says that we may be confident but we must not be complacent.

Government's Duty

The "Daily Telegraph" says that it is the Government's duty to give a full explanation of everything that has happened. The public is waiting with an open mind, perplexed by various questions to which an answer is expected.

It may well be that Government has a complete answer. In that case, it will enjoy the continued confidence of the people.

There is little suggestion in the British press that Government was wrong to attempt the expedition to central Norway, but some papers, such as the Labour "Daily Herald," says that if Government knew that it was such a difficult job, it ought not to have made such complacent statements.

Under-Estimating Enemy

The "News Chronicle" believe that the first hundred months of the war have lulled us into under-estimating the enemy. That complacency is the only thing which can lead us to defeat.

Under the heading, "A Warning and An Opportunity," an editorial in the "Times" discusses the organisation machinery of the Government, a subject the paper has been dealing with during the past few days.

Labour Party's Duty

The main effect on the people of the withdrawals from Norway, says the "Times," has been to stiffen their determination to make a greater effort than ever before. There has been a setback and the leading conclusion is that there is room for improvement.

An important requirement would be to broaden the whole basis of the Government by having in it members of the Labour Party. The Labour Party will be in the Government before the war is over, says the "Times." It is now the Labour Party's duty to put forward candidates for office.

Anglo-French Unity

Importance Stressed By Liberal Leader

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—Special emphasis on Franco-British unity not only as a condition of victory but also for a just and lasting peace was laid by Sir Archibald Sinclair, the Liberal Opposition Leader, in a broadcast to the French nation on Sunday night.

Just as France and Britain were fighting together in war, he said, they must work together in the eventual peace to make sure that their sacrifices were not in vain.

There would be no relaxation of their effort until the Germans were defeated, but victory alone could not save their people. Only the patient and constructive statesmanship of France and Britain could establish lasting peace.

BUSINESS QUIET ON EXCHANGE

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—On the Stock Exchange to-day, tomorrow's Parliamentary debate was the main topic of conversation.

Business was quiet and most industrialists tended to be lower. Japanese bonds were offered at the outset, but later were better supported. Initial losses partially recovered.

Gilt-edged holdings strengthened and tea shares met with enquiry. Wall Street was irregular.

New York Stock Market

NEW YORK, May 6 (UP).—The possibility of a change in the war front is now the biggest worry in Wall Street and the markets would immediately reflect the changes in business may shift with it.

Outside of the war the news is scanty, but favourable items dominate the domestic scene.

JEAN (Bravest Man's Daughter) SEES—



—MOTHER GIVEN MEDAL

Jean Russell, daughter of Marine Gilbert Russell, the bravest man in the war—has one hand in her mother's and the other in the Queen's.

She has just seen her father's Conspicuous Gallantry Medal pinned on her widowed mother's coat by the King on the Horse Guards Parade.

She does not know that her father died in the Exeter after the River Plate battle.

DODGERS RETAIN THEIR LEAD

NEW YORK, May 6 (Reuter).—Brooklyn Dodgers retained their lead in the National Baseball League to-day when they beat the St. Louis Cardinals by 6-2. The complete scores were:

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
Brooklyn	6	12	1
St. Louis	2	9	0
(Camilli homered for the Dodgers, and Man for the Cardinals).			
Boston	10	15	0
Pittsburgh	7	11	2
(Gastine homered for the Pirates).			
New York	1	5	1
Cincinnati	0	14	0
(Craft homered for the Reds).			
Philadelphia	4	12	0
Chicago	5	13	0
(Eleven innings were played. Herman homered for the Cubs).			

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Cleveland	5	11	3
Boston	0	11	0
(Chapman homered for the Indians, and Fox for the Red Sox).			
Detroit	0	9	0
New York	4	7	2
(Gehring, Greenberg and Sullivan homered for the Tigers).			
Chicago	2	9	0
Philadelphia	3	9	0
(Chapman homered for the Athletics).			
St. Louis	11	10	2
Washington	9	13	1

Hitler Writes To King Of Sweden

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—It has been announced by the German official news agency that Hitler and the King of Sweden had a written exchange of views on the political situation during the latter half of April.

The exchange has strengthened the complete agreement existing on the question of the future policy of both countries in conformity with statements already announced by the German and Swedish Governments, adds the agency.

Want To Be A Film Star?

Chance For Hongkong's Garbos And Gables

HONGKONG residents of any nationality, old and young, are required by the Man Sang Film Company to appear in their latest production.

The film is called "Shai Gin Fah" and deals with the activities surrounding the Boxer Rebellion of 1900. A large number of well-known Hongkong residents are taking an active part in the picture.

Already many have consented to take certain major parts in the film.

To Be Screened Here

It is learned that among them is Miss Irene Artlun, well-known Hongkong dancer.

Some of the Colony's leading amateurs on the stage will make their film debuts in "Shai Gin Fah." The leading role is being handled by Miss Peiping Lily Li, once famed as the "Mata Hari of China."

It is hoped to screen "Shai Gin Fah" at the King's Theatre in about six weeks.

'Daily Worker' To Pay £1,400

Labelled Trade Union Leaders

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—Sir Walter Citrine and six other members of the General Council of the Trades Union Congress have won a libel action in the King's Bench Division against the official Communist organ "The Daily Worker."

The plaintiffs alleged that "The Daily Worker" had in articles last December imputed that they betrayed the interests of the Trade Union movement by wartime co-operation with the Government and employers while pretending to safeguard the interests of workers.

The defence was a plea for fair comment on matters of public interest.

Sir Walter Citrine was awarded £300 damages. Four plaintiffs were awarded £200 damages each and the two other plaintiffs were awarded £150 each.

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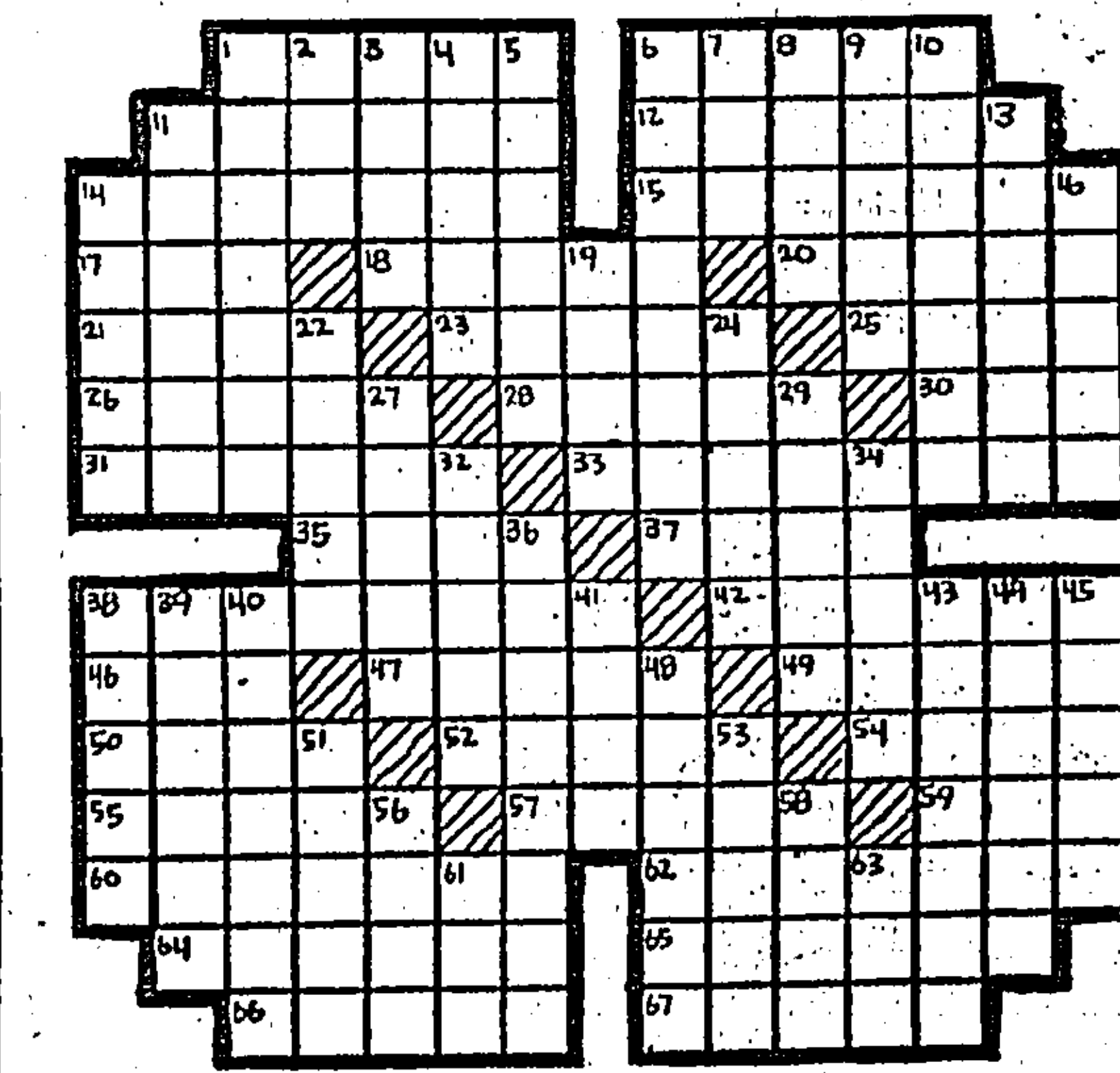
By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- Reliable
- Mutual protective organization
- Long step
- Where Noah's ark came to rest
- Collects food for men by search
- At a greater distance
- Literary collection
- Brownish-red dye-wood
- Distance-weight
- Appointment (slang)
- Body of learning
- Top of head
- Attacked stroke
- Allowances for container weight
- Theodore
- Daughter of Herodias
- Those who give sloping edge to tool
- Daring
- Witty; dull
- Wood with glue
- Language Catholic
- Plaster
- Shedding tool
- One of Cyclops
- War-chore
- In English law, fine of compensation
- Post at end of hand-ball
- Male of red deer
- Heena
- Record of single year

DOWN

- Group
- Symbol of perfection
- Tyrant
- Wrought together
- Anger
- Source of artificial light
- Head in middle
- Track beyond natural desire
- Musical composition
- City in Quebec
- Yell grasses
- Nature of Asiatie
- Lyrical poem
- Lucky number
- Free from faults
- Spanish title of respect
- Devoured
- British navigator (died 1857)
- Disfigurement of country
- Frontal surface
- Gravel ground
- Landed properties
- Approached
- Pests
- Small
- Pass entirely away
- Going around
- Slow, easy gallop
- Swedish coin
- Orality



BRITAIN'S UNEMPLOYED LOWEST ON RECORD

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that the number of unemployed on April 15 was 972,695 as compared with 1,121,213 on March 11 and 1,644,394 on April 17 last year.

This is the lowest figure since the end of 1920 when the extended unemployment insurance scheme began to operate.

MORE RATIONING FOR BRITAIN

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, May 6 (UP).—Lord Woolton, the Minister of Food, has warned the public that they should be prepared for a reduction in butter and sugar rations.

A shortage of butter has resulted from the stoppage of supplies from Denmark. Sugar ration may also be reduced "unless we are certain we are going to have adequate supplies later on in the year."

FLYING BOATS DAMAGED

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—It is stated at the Air Ministry that two Sunderland flying boats anchored off the coast of Norway on Sunday were damaged by machine-gun fire in an attack by German planes.

The German claim to have shot down two Bristol Blenheim bombers is described as quite untrue.

Allies Must Win War

Vital To U.S. Interests Says Chicago Paper

CHICAGO, May 6 (Reuter).—The important Mid-Western newspaper, "Chicago Daily News," declares in a front page editorial that the United States' national interests demand an Allied victory.

The newspaper says: "We see the greatest military power in Europe on the verge of securing command of the sea in European waters. We unerringly sense what this means for us. It ought to make us realize that the more we aid the Allies by supplies, credit and acquiescence in blockade measures, the less will be the danger of our having to become a belligerent."

What Defeat Would Mean

The paper added that a German victory would necessitate American seizure of British and French islands in the Caribbean to protect the Panama Canal.

It would also force the United States to aid Canada and the Latin-American republics to maintain their independence against German aggression.

No Trace Of European Girl

Disappearance From Peak Residence

Up to the time of going to press this morning, nothing further has been heard of Miss Olive R. Rowan, a Scots woman, who disappeared from No. 505 The Peak, last Wednesday.

Miss Rowan arrived in the Colony last January on the Empress of Asia and had since then been a guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Harriman.

A qualified nurse, she left No. 505 The Peak last Wednesday for Kowloon to inquire after a position. Nothing more has been heard of her. When she failed to make an appearance Mr. Harriman made a report to the Cough Hill Police Station. Central Charge Room this morning stated that no further report on her disappearance had been made.

NETHERLANDS' PRECAUTIONS

AMSTERDAM, May 6 (Reuter).—By virtue of the present state of siege in Holland, the Defence Minister has appointed the Commanders of the garrisons at Amsterdam, The Hague and Rotterdam as Military Commissioners in the three cities—the leading cities in the country.

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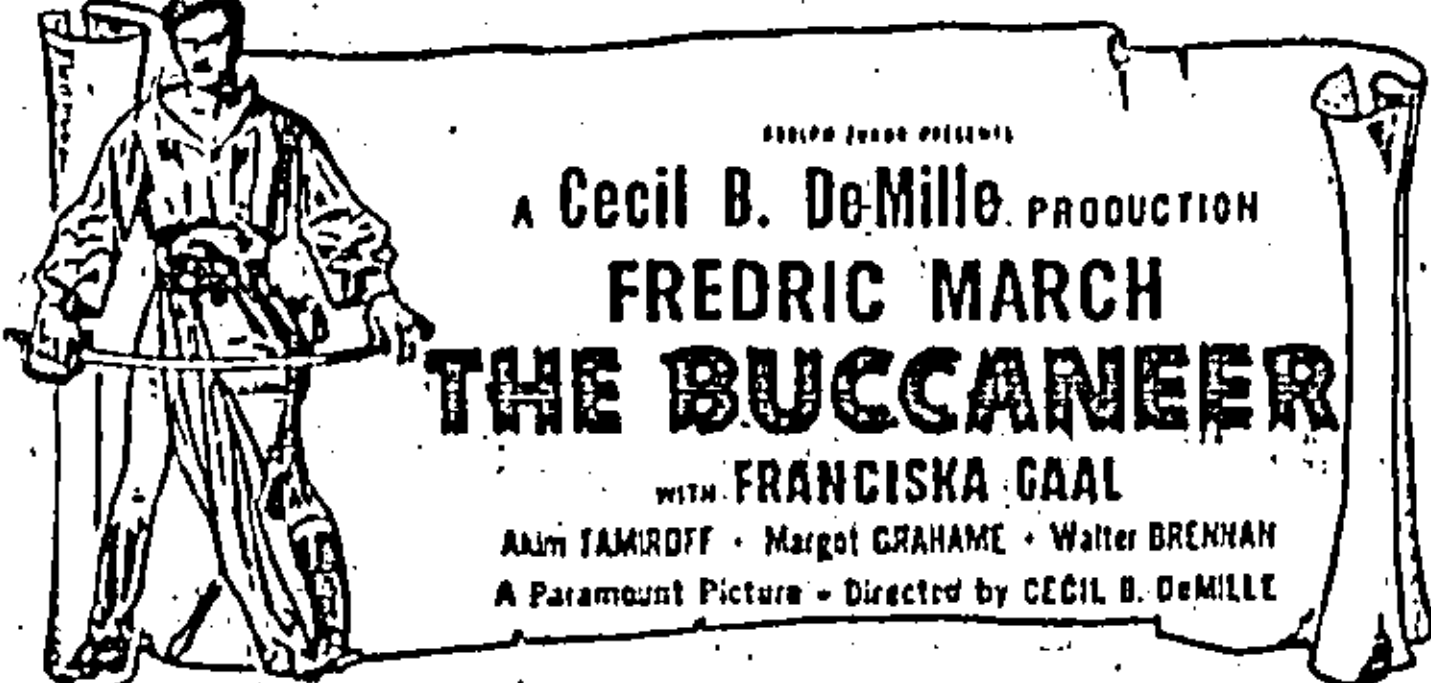
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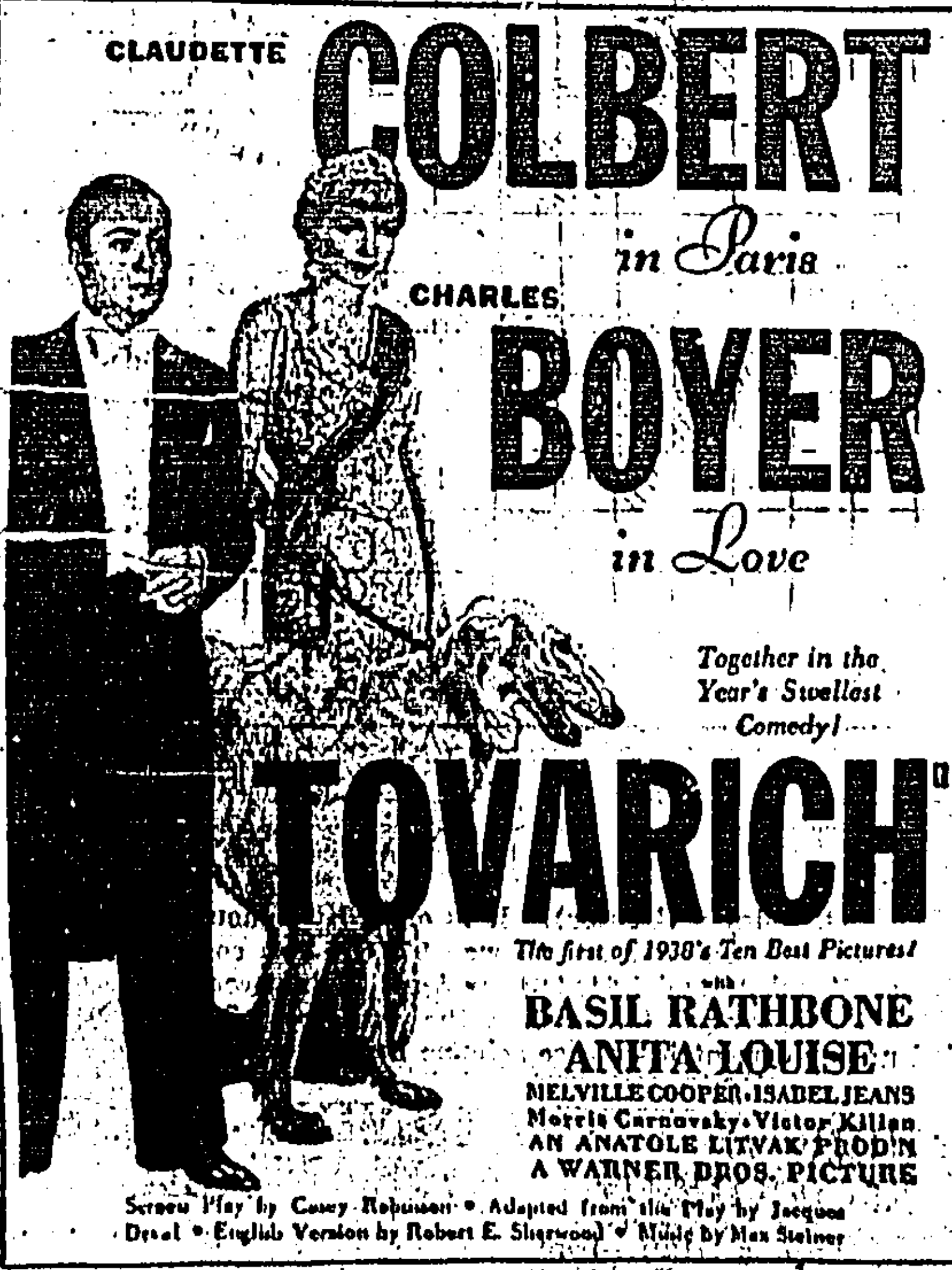
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'Strube' Sums It Up

Brilliant Cartoon In
"Daily Express"

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—A cartoon which has appeared in the "Daily Express" is a good indication of how the people of Britain, while waiting for Tuesday's debate in the House of Commons on Norway, are realising more vividly than ever before our great advantages as a parliamentary democracy.

The cartoon shows Hitler sitting in an arm chair, with his feet on the back of the German people. Goering is beside him, and in his hand is a report entitled "The German Fleet Crippled."

The caption under the cartoon has Hitler saying "Well, Herrmann, no one can make us give a full account to our people if we don't want to."

New Battleship For Italian Navy

GENOA, May 6 (Reuter).—Italy's new 35,000-ton 15-inch battleship, Littorio, was handed over to the Italian navy here to-day.

Fleet Of Four Ships
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".—The 35,000-ton new super battleship the Littorio was handed over to the Italian Navy to-day by the directors of the Ansaldo shipyards, in the presence of high Italian naval officials.

This is the second of a series of four 35,000-ton battleships to be delivered to the Italian Navy in the past fortnight, the first being the Vittorio Veneto.

The construction of the other two vessels—the Roma and the Impero—is being speeded up in view of the international situation.

BUTTER CUTS LIKELY

Failure of Danish Supply Affects Britain

LONDON, May 6. Lord Woolton, Minister of Food, stated to-day that the public must be prepared at an early date for a reduction of the butter ration to the former amount in view of the resumption of Danish supplies.

"Unless I am quite certain of adequate supplies of sugar later in the year, I shall have to reduce the sugar ration," he said.

"I do not think cold storage facilities are adequate for the worst conditions that may come. We have started to build cold storage facilities in eight widely separated places throughout the country."—Reuter.

LATE NEWS

EXTENSIVE AIR RAIDS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
KWEILIN, May 6 (UP).

Japanese planes to-day carried out extensive bombing raids on six cities on the highway northeast and west of Nanning.

Thirty people are said to have been killed at Luchow.

DEVELOPMENT OF COLONIES

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—The text has been issued of the Colonial Development and Welfare Bill which was introduced by Mr. Malcolm MacDonald in the House of Commons last week.

It provides the machinery to carry out the Government's colonial development policy and also provides for the remission, wholly or partially, of loans to the colonies and dependencies totalling £11,000,000.

This includes advances to Bechuanaland, Basutoland and Swaziland for the various purposes such as combating soil erosion, the construction of roads and bridges. It will be remitted only in part.

It also includes loans to the Uganda Railway.

Blown Up By British Mines

Nazi Ship, Swedish Trawler Aro Sunk

STOCKHOLM, May 6 (Reuter).—A German steamer and a Swedish trawler are reported to have been blown up to-day off Vinga, outside the port of Gothenburg, when 12 Swedish trawlers and the steamer suddenly found themselves among a shoal of floating mines.

The trawler's crew of four were lost but the crew of the German steamer, totalling 35, reached the Swedish coast safely.

COMMUNISTS ARE CONDEMNED

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—A resolution condemning the Communist Party has been passed by the National Union of Distributive Allied Workers.

The resolution urges the executive council of the Union and the Labour Party to keep a close watch on any attempts to divide the working parties. Communist influence must be checked wherever found.

The proposer of the resolution said that the time had come to get rid of the silly symphonies the Communist Party plays.

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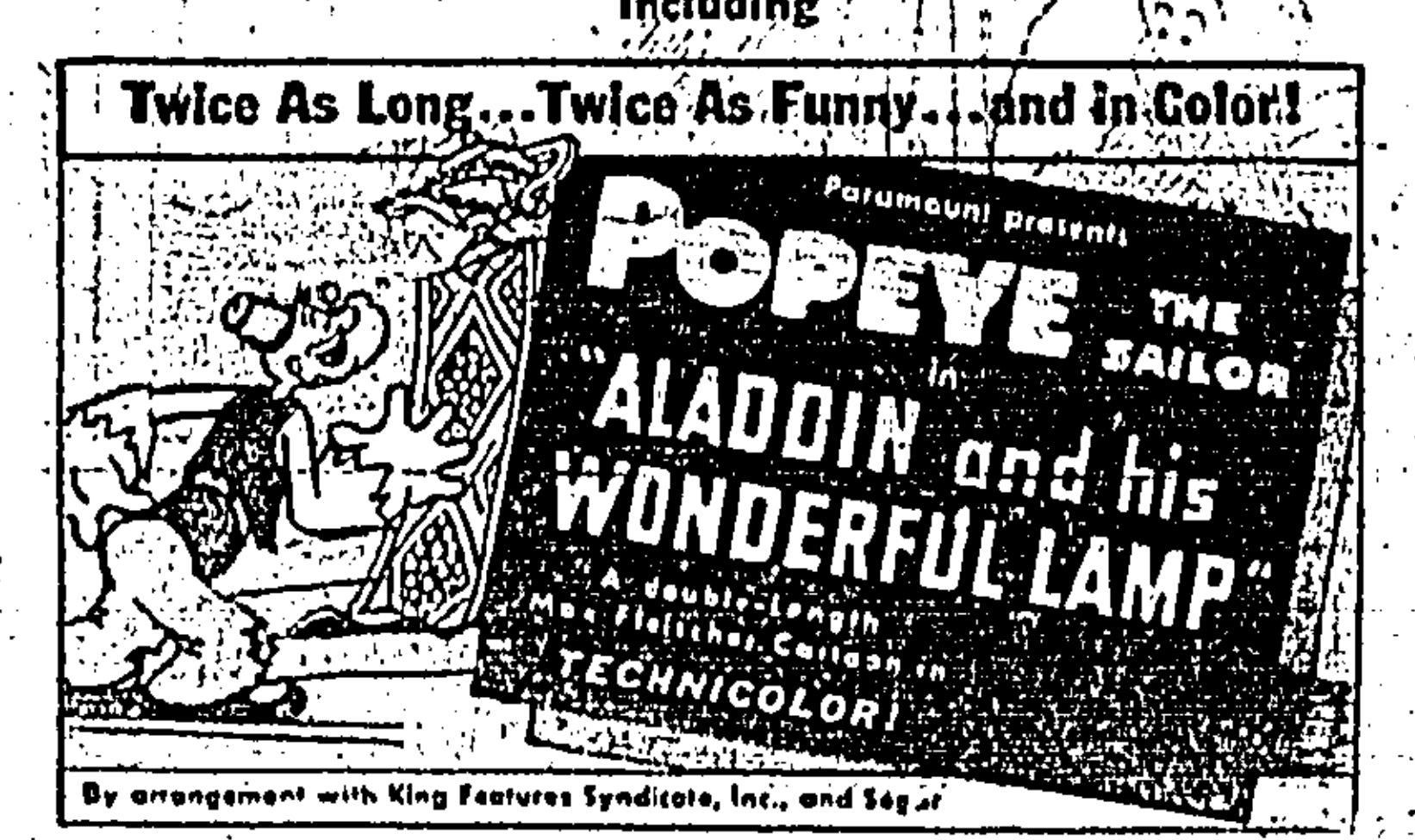
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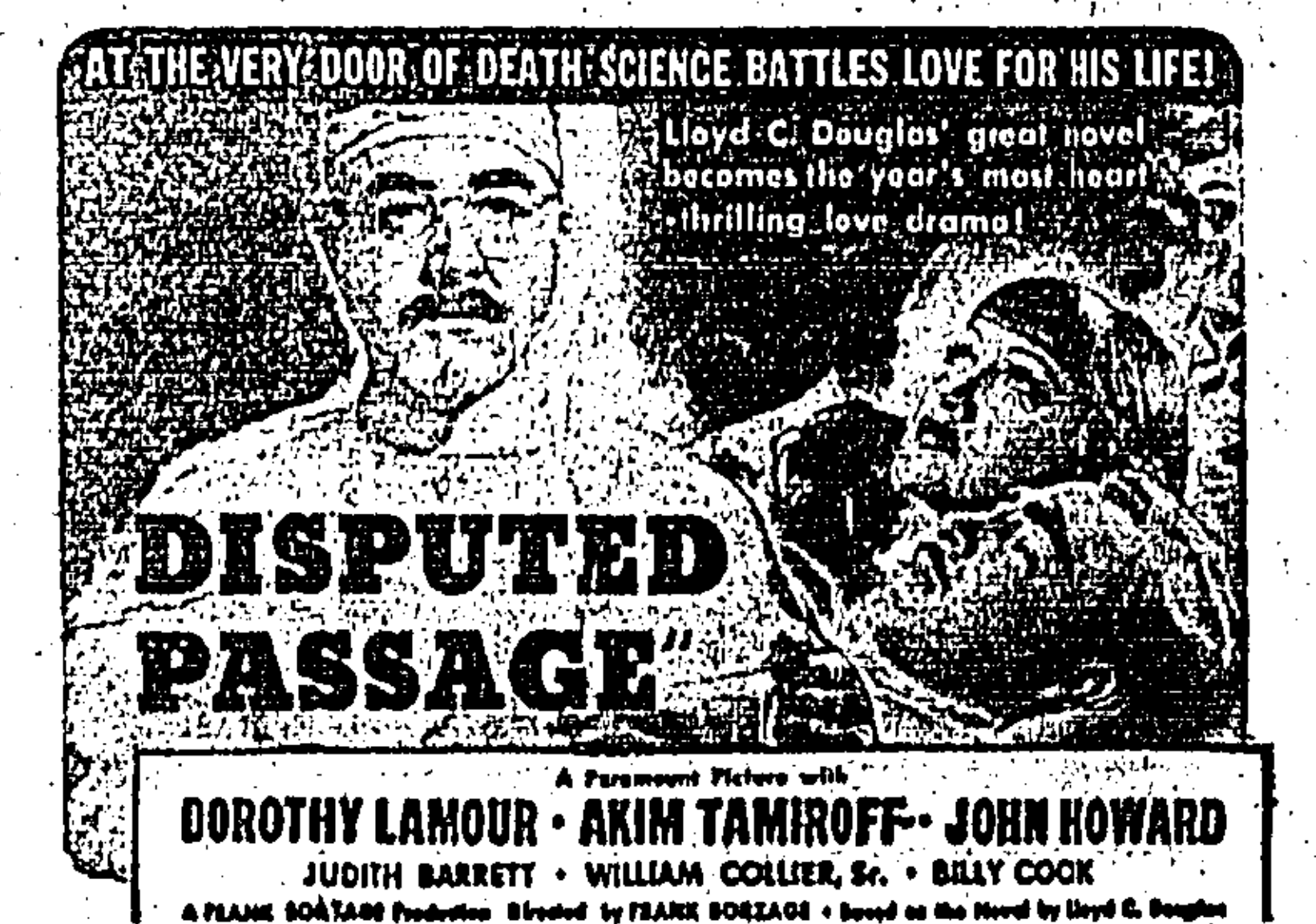
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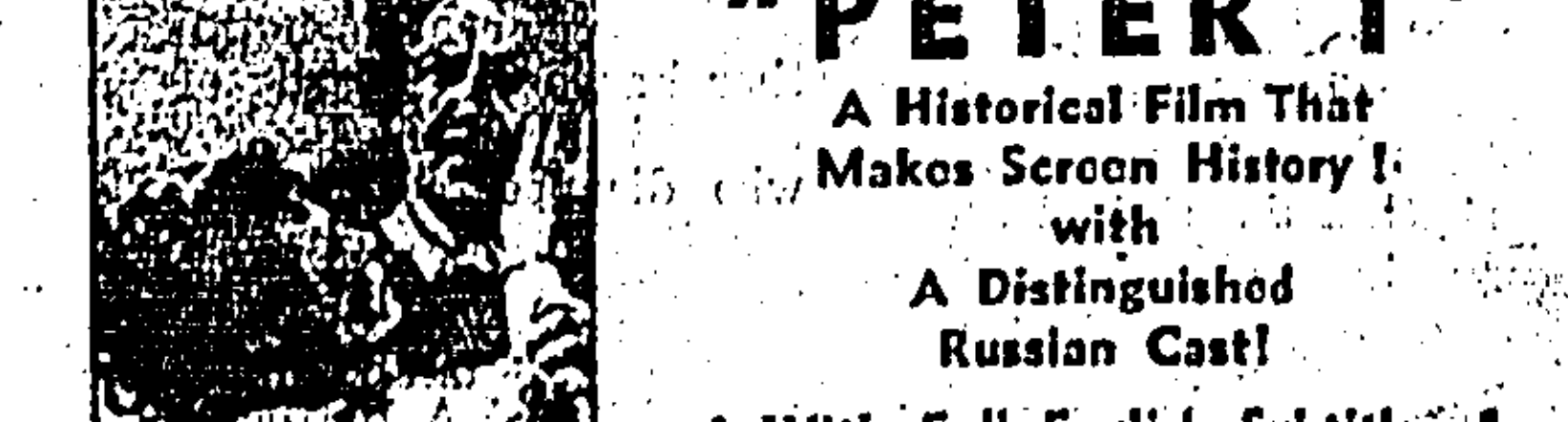
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Wants to Know by May 16

By REYNOLDS PACKARD
UNITED PRESS WAR
CORRESPONDENT

ROME, May 6 (UP).—I understand from Italian and diplomatic circles in Rome that Britain has handed Italy a demarche which is tantamount to a direct request that Signor Mussolini define his attitude towards the European War.

Britain has expressed the firm hope that an Italian reply to the demarche will be forthcoming before May 16.

It is understood that the demarche was delivered by the British Charge d'Affaires, Mr. Noel Charles, on the day the U.S. Ambassador conferred with Signor Mussolini.

Britain Not Satisfied
Britain is believed to have informed Italy that the present Italian status of "non-belligerency" is not regarded as satisfactory.

The return to-night of the British Ambassador is considered important in view of the latest developments in Anglo-Italian relations.

Some quarters connect the return of the Ambassador with the latest efforts at appeasement by His Holiness the Pope and President Roosevelt.

Embassy Denial
The same quarters suggest that the despatch of British reinforcements to the Mediterranean is connected with the contents of the British demarche. It should be emphasized that British Embassy circles in Rome deny any knowledge of the reported demarche.

More Warships At Alexandria
ALEXANDRIA, May 6 (Domei).—Following in the wake of the recently arrived Allied Fleet, another fleet of Allied warships reached here today.

The British naval authorities have announced that if Italy joins the war on the German side, the Allied army, navy and air forces are ready to take appropriate action.

Renewed Efforts By Pope Pius

By REYNOLDS PACKARD
UNITED PRESS STAFF CORRESPONDENT

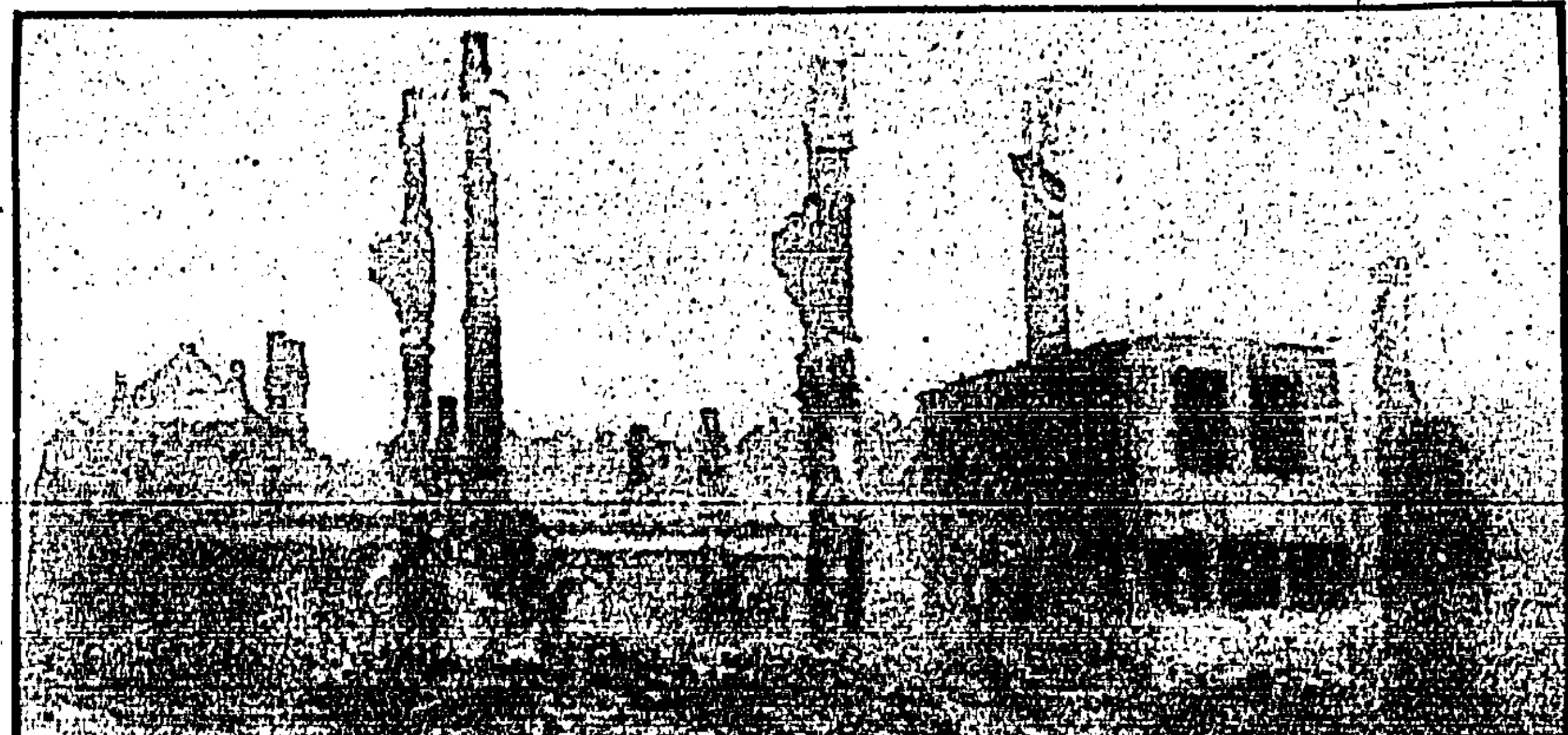
ROME, May 6, (UP).—His Holiness the Pope and President Roosevelt are authoritatively reported to be collaborating to keep Italy out of war.

This report is being circulated among usually reliable ecclesiastical quarters following a 35-minute audience which the Pope gave to the Prince and Princess of Piedmont this morning.

FIRST PICTURE OF A NAZI INVASION



THIS DRAMATIC PHOTOGRAPH, the first received in Hongkong from Denmark, shows German troops marching through a street in Copenhagen after the Blitzkrieg invasion.—By Air Mail. Copyright.



THE GERMAN INVASION of Norway. This dramatic photograph, received by air mail from London, shows the effect of Nazi incendiary bombs on an unprotected Norwegian city. The photograph was taken in Elverum, 75 miles north-east of Oslo. The city was completely razed by Nazi bombs.

COVETED PRIZES FOR NEWSMEN

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
NEW YORK, May 6 (UP).—Two New York Journalists have been awarded the 1940 Pulitzer Prizes for Journalism.

Burton Heath, of the New York "World-Telegram" receives the prize of \$1,000 for his series of stories exposing the financial manipulations of Judge Martin T. Manton, of the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Otto D. Tillschus, of the "New York Times," has been awarded the second Pulitzer Prize of \$500 for "distinguished service as a war correspondent in Berlin."

LONDON, May 6 (British Wire- less).—Increasing by £3,000 to-day the Lord Mayor's Red Cross Fund passed the £1,400,000 mark to-night.

Kowloon Wharf Trouble

Incensed Coolies

H.K. Traders Report
Intimidation

Although the authorities claim that nothing untoward has happened at the Kowloon wharves since the Wharf and Godown Company declared a "protected area" which has thrown a thousand coolies out of work, reports from Hongkong importers received by the "Telegraph" indicate that it is impossible for traders to take delivery of goods at the present time owing to intimidation by the incensed coolies.

The following letter from Mr. J. M. de Rocha, a prominent Hongkong importer, provides facts which refute the statement made officially to the "Telegraph" earlier to-day. His letter reads: "Regarding your report in to-day's second edition of the 'Telegraph' that there has been no demonstration by coolies on the closed Kowloon wharves, the following facts may be of interest."

Following the usual procedure I sent my coolies to take delivery outside the Government bounds of goods consigned to me aboard an American liner which reached port this week, but the coolies were unable to obtain delivery owing to intimidation by crowds of coolies surrounding the wharves.

Subsequently I telephoned to the Secretary of the Wharf Company asking him how I could take delivery. I was informed that all I had to do was to send my lighter alongside the wharf and delivery could be obtained. This I did, but again my workers were met by intimidation by gangs.

Dramatic Sequel To Sennet Freres Hold-Up

REVOLVER FOUND IN G.P.O. LETTER BOX

A .32 CALIBRE REVOLVER that may have been the one responsible for the death of Mr. J. Dubois in last week's astounding hold up at Sennet Freres was dumped in a letter box at the General Post Office last night.

The pistol, together with 43 rounds of ammunition which had also been dumped, was found by a mail sorter shortly afterwards.

The post mortem on Mr. Dubois revealed that he had been killed by a .32 bullet.

Police experts are now making ballistic tests to determine whether the bullet recovered from Mr. Dubois' abdomen was fired from the revolver recovered at the post office.

The person who dumped the revolver and ammunition chose a time when there were no pedestrians in the vicinity, and the act was not witnessed by any post office officials.

Finger Print Evidence
It is believed that important finger print evidence may have been left on the revolver by the person responsible for the dumping.

One revolver used in the Sennet Freres hold up had previously been recovered by the police when a man, now in custody, was arrested a few seconds after Mr. Dubois was shot.

Keen Police Search
There has been no relaxation in the efforts of the police to apprehend the two Shanghai gangsters wanted for the murder of Mr. J. Dubois. Every ship leaving the Colony, particularly vessels en route to Macao, are being carefully watched. It is reported, although without official confirmation, that detectives

FEVERISH DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY IN BALKANS AS SCENE DARKENS

FEVERISH DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY IS EVIDENT IN THE BALKANS AS RENEWED EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE BY HIS HOLINESS THE POPE AND PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT TO KEEP ITALY OUT OF THE WAR.

The Allied War Council met at the Elysee Palace in Paris at 2 p.m. yesterday.

A "United Press" message from Washington states that President Roosevelt has suddenly curtailed his visit to Hyde Park, and has taken a special train for Washington.

Attaches refuse to state why the President took this extraordinary course.

IL DUCE SEES COMMANDER

During the latter part of his stay in Hyde Park President Roosevelt received telephonic summaries of the situation in Europe.

It is officially announced in Rome that Mussolini received the Prince of Piedmont at Venice Palace yesterday afternoon.

The Prince is one of Italy's two Army Corps Commanders.

Italian defence measures were discussed for over an hour.

The conversations followed the Prince's audience with His Holiness the Pope at the Vatican.

Considerable agitation has been caused in Bulgaria at reports that Turkey is massing troops on the Greek frontier.

It is believed that the Turkish move is connected with British naval activity in the eastern Mediterranean.

Meanwhile, Rumania has instituted extensive civil defence exercises.

Bucharest will be placed under war-time conditions to-morrow in order to accustom the populace to air-raid emergencies.

Similar exercises are to be held in provincial towns.

Egypt's Precautions
A "Reuter" message from Cairo states that special ordinances were signed by the Egyptian Prime Minister yesterday.

These ordinances provide that nobody will now be allowed to enter or leave Egypt without a special permit and anybody possessing fire arms, explosives or material from which bombs and explosives can be made must declare such possession to the authorities before May 15 under a penalty not exceeding eight years imprisonment.

Tightening Security Measures
The authorities are empowered to search private dwellings.

This is part of an energetic action being taken by the Government to tighten up security measures throughout the country.

Extra precautions are being taken in the Suez Canal zone which is being continually swept for possible mines.

The output of the Suez oil refineries is being stored in huge underground tanks in the desert.

Roosevelt's "Nerves"

President Roosevelt told reporters that he was returning earlier than expected because of "a case of nerves."

The President added that he wondered what was "breaking" on the European front after being away from Washington for a few days.

Troops Mass On Balkans Borders

Situation Said To Be Very Tense

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BUDAPEST, May 6 (Domei).—The situation in south-eastern Europe has become considerably graver during the last 24 hours, with various countries now concentrating massive forces in the Balkans.

A tense situation prevails, and there is a general fear that it is only a question of time before south-eastern Europe is dragged into the war.

Turkey is reported to have sent troops to the Greece-Bulgarian-Turkish border.

Nazi Concentrations
Germany is said to have concentrated huge forces along the German-POLAND Turn To Page 2.

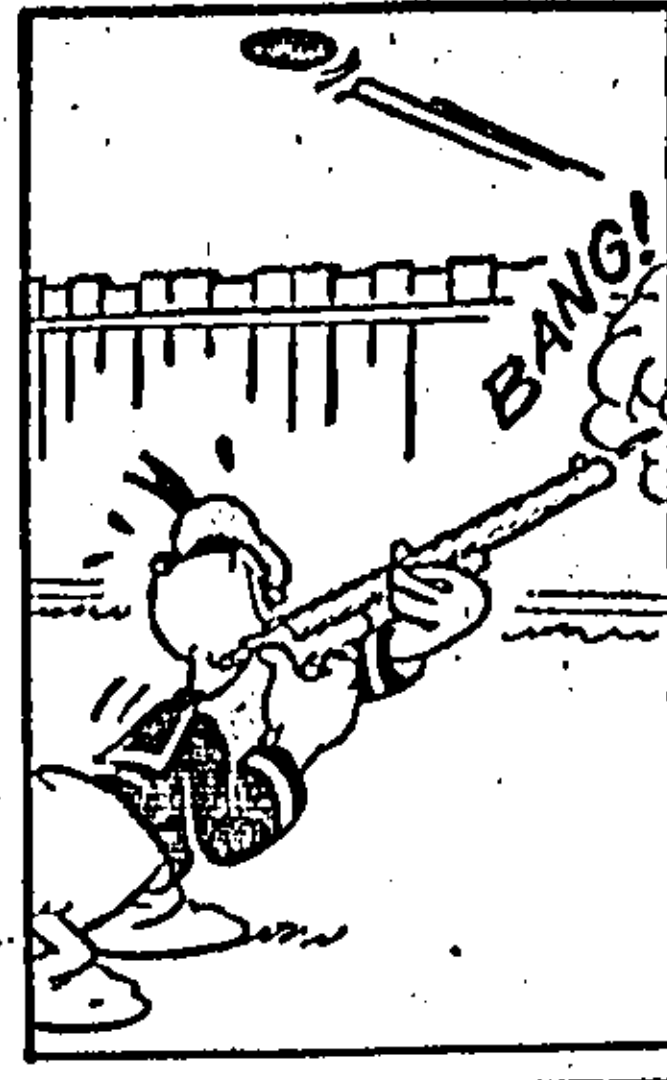
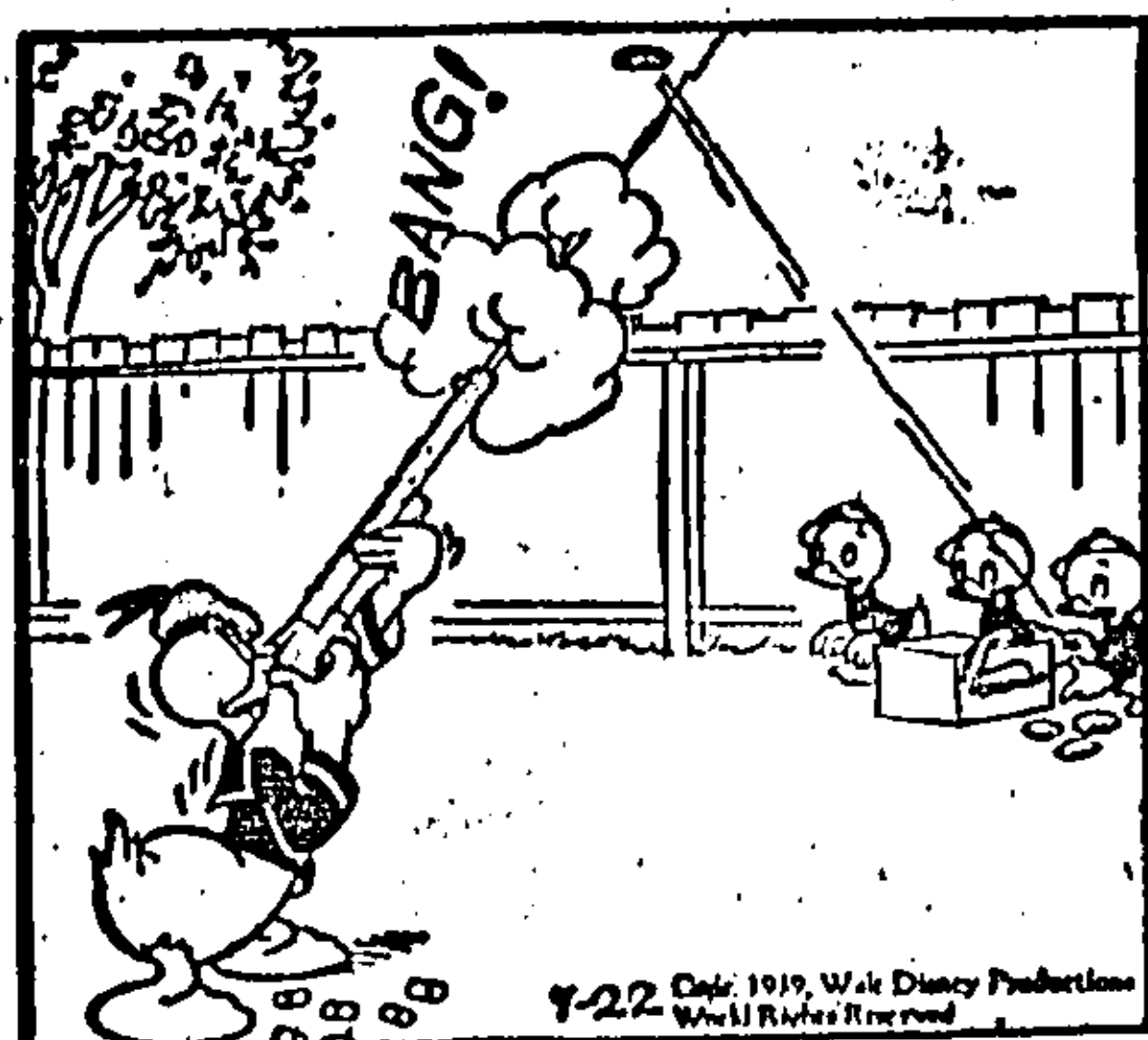
LATEST London Papers Urge Total Warfare

LONDON, May 7 (Reuter).—London newspapers predict that to-day's debate in the House of Commons will go beyond the immediate subject of the Norwegian campaign. The whole conduct of the war will be called in question. Several editorials observe that the lesson from the Norwegian campaign is that the Allies have been able to realize the formidable strength of their adversary and that no half measures will bring them victory.

The "Daily Telegraph" says that Mr. Chamberlain, when he rises in the Commons to-day "will be conscious that the issues at stake range PLEASE Turn To Page 10.

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POPE'S NEW EFFORTS

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is believed he will have further important conversations with Italian Government authorities, including Mussolini.

British Envoy's Return
The return to-night of the British Ambassador is also seen in many quarters as an indication that he will undoubtedly have conversations with Mussolini within the next few days when he will have an opportunity to explain the British viewpoint in connection with the reinforcements of the fleet in the Mediterranean.

That France may also be interested in joining the Holy See and the United States in appeasement efforts—which some Vatican quarters even go as far as to say may result into an actual peace effort to end the present war—is indicated by the announcement that the French Ambassador to the Holy See was received in a private audience by the Pope following the visit of the Prince and Princess of Piedmont.

In Italy, however, there is every indication of hastening preparations of war.
The handing over of the new 35,000-ton battleship Littorio to the Italian Navy is reported to have been speeded up following the reinforcement of the British fleet in the Mediterranean.

Two other ships of the same series, the Roma and Impero, will be handed over shortly. The first of the series, the Vittorio Veneto, was handed over to the Navy a fortnight ago.

Pope's Intercession
I learn from authoritative quarters in the Vatican that His Holiness the Pope referred to President Roosevelt's announcement efforts during a 35 minute audience with the Prince and Princess of Piedmont to-day.

The Pope expressed his hope that Italy would not find it necessary to join in the conflict.

Also, according to unimpeachable sources in the Vatican, the Pope informed Mr. Myron Taylor, President Roosevelt's personal representative to the Vatican, that he was in complete agreement with the President's attitude towards limiting the conflict but also to make an effort for some sort of peace move.

It is reported that the Pope has sent a despatch to Monsignor Cesare Orsenigo, the Papal Nuncio to Berlin, requesting him to sound out the Berlin Government in this connection.

TROOPS MASS ON BALKANS

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Yugo-Slavia-Hungarian frontier, and she has transported a large number of tanks and other military equipment towards eastern Yugo-Slavia. Italian forces are congregating along the Italo-Yugo-Slavia frontier.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

The Fifty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Thursday, 30th May, 1940, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd May to 13th June inclusive.

By order of the Board,
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.
General Managers.
Hongkong, 16th April, 1940.

THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE LIMITED.

Notice to Shareholders

The Fifty-Ninth Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Wednesday, the 22nd May, 1940, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1939.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 8th May to the 22nd May, 1940, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.
General Agents.
Hongkong, 1st May, 1940.

Black-Out Offences

European Motorists In Court

Col. H. L. Murrow of the "Hongkong Daily Press" was among a number of Europeans summoned before Mr. Macdougall at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning for traffic offences during the last black-out.

Col. Murrow was summoned for having both his headlights on in Gascoigne Road during the black-out. Mr. A. of Arcueil pleaded guilty on behalf of defendant and said that his client had taken his car to the U.S.R.C. where he intended to leave it. But on leaving the Club, had forgotten the occasion and drove away in his car.

A fine of \$20 was imposed. **Thought Black-Out Was Over**
Mr. P. E. Pogodin, of 134 Argyle Street was summoned for having his lights on at Waterloo Road during the black-out.

Mr. Pogodin pleaded guilty saying that he thought the black-out had terminated. A fine of \$5 was imposed.

Mr. Pogodin was cautioned for not having his rear light obscured. He said he thought it was not necessary.

Mr. W. W. McCombe of Marble Hall, Austin Road, was fined \$15 for not having his front and rear lights properly obscured.

TREE VANDALS SENTENCED

About 30 men and women were charged at the Central Magistracy this morning with possession of tree wood, and fines imposed ranged from \$10 or a month's hard labour to \$25 or six weeks' hard labour.

Man Sik, 23, and Kam Kai-ming, 25, were given six weeks' hard labour each by Mr. Edwards for possession of pine trees in Conduit Road, near the Admiralty House.

and on the Dodecanese Islands. The Soviet Union has not remained inactive but has increased the number of troops in its newly-acquired territory in Poland which borders Rumania.

In the meantime, Allied fleets are reported to be active in the Aegean Sea.

SERIOUS CHARGES

Forged Notes Counts Against Two Men

Described as the manager of Wo Hong of 28 Connaught Road, first floor, Lau Che, 40, appeared before Mr. Sheldon at the Central Magistracy this morning together with Lau Chik, 38, an accountant, charged with offences connected with forged banknotes.

Lau Chik was charged with possession of 12 Hongkong Government forged \$1 notes at 203 Hennessy Road on May 5 and Lau Che was charged with possession of ten \$10 forged notes of the Government of the Straits Settlements, one \$10 yuan forged banknote of the Bank of China and one \$5 forged note of the Central Bank of China.

Other Charges
Both men were also charged with possession of 70 \$10 forged notes of the Government of the Straits Settlements, 20 \$5 forged notes of the Central Bank of China, one yuan forged note of the same Bank, two \$1 forged notes of the Canton Municipal Bank, one \$5 forged note of the same Bank and five plates for making false stamps, possession of plates for making false stamps, and possession of plates for making banknotes.

Defendants were further accused of possession of forged documents—988 Indo-Chinese \$1.44 bills of lading stamps; possession of forged documents—possession of plates for making false stamps, and possession of plates for making banknotes.

Case For Commitment
Mr. D. McCallum appeared on behalf of both defendants and said he understood the prosecution was applying for a week's formal remand and that the case would be taken for commitment. He asked the Court whether it would consider the question of bail.

Detective Sub-Inspector W. N. Darkin asked for a week's remand and said the Police were at the present moment opposing bail.

The remand was made and Mr. McCallum was told that he could apply for bail again at any other time.

INCENSED COOLIES

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of coolies, and the lighter returned to Hongkong unable to secure the goods.

This morning I tried to get delivery through a transportation company, but was told that no lighter or coolies dared to approach the wharf, and therefore we must wait.

I am sure I am speaking for a large number of other importers when I say that it would be of interest to know from official sources when the position at the wharves will have improved sufficiently for importers to obtain their cargoes in the usual normal manner.

Despite reported police protection, there appears to be nothing at the moment to prevent gangs of unemployed coolies from preventing Hongkong traders taking possession of their goods. The present position is not only extremely inconvenient, but expensive to all importers.

J. M. da Rocha.
The Official Statement
There has been no further development in connection with the coolie situation which arises out of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. having been declared a "protected place," it was learned officially this morning.

It will be recalled that Police patrols were posted at the gates of the Godowns yesterday as a precaution against trouble from over a thousand coolies who lost their employment as a result of the Government measure. These patrols, it is learned from a high police official, have now been withdrawn, as the "situation is quiet."

A deputation, representing the

PUPPET ASSASSINATED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, May 7 (UP).—Hsia Tung, a 46-year-old official of the Tax Department of the Japanese-controlled Shanghai Special Municipality was shot and killed at 11 o'clock last night as he was leaving the Metropole Gardens, a ballroom in the International Settlement.

Two gunmen attacked Mr. Hsia as he was entering a taxi in front of the ballroom, and afterwards they escaped.

Political Motive Suspected
SHANGHAI, May 7 (Reuters).—Hsia Tung-ling, believed to be a fairly important pro-Wang official here, was murdered last night when leaving a ballroom in the International Settlement. It is generally accepted that there was a political motive for the murder.

Return From Norway ALLIED TROOPS HOME

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, May 7 (UP).—British and French troops evacuated from the Trondheim area in central Norway have been landed at a northern port in Britain after safely re-crossing the North Sea.

General Sir Edmund Ironside, Chief of the Imperial Staff, took the salute as the men landed, and read them a welcome from Mr. Oliver Stanley, the Minister for War.

Not Driven Out
"Don't think you were driven from Norway," General Ironside told the men.

The soldiers, wearing new uniforms, clapped and whistled when the Chief of the Imperial Staff addressed his own "little thanks."

The War Minister's message praised the troops for their heroic stand south of Dombas, and added that their conduct during the withdrawal operations was worthy of the highest traditions of the British Army.

Soldiers told how they were shelled and strafed during the embarkation at Andenes.

In order to reach the port of embarkation, the men had to struggle across the snow and ice from the battlefield.

Stock Exchange Broker Charged

Alleged Possession Of Code Books

Charged with committing a breach of Defence Regulations, Mak King-wan, 51, Stock Exchange broker, was remanded until Friday by Mr. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning for hearing.

He is alleged to have had in his possession two note-books containing English and Chinese characters which could be utilized for secretly conveying, receiving or recording information, contrary to the Regulations.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ is appearing for Mak and Det.-Sgt. J. Hendridge, of the Special Branch, is prosecuting.

New Battleship For Italian Navy

GENOA, May 6 (Reuters).—Italy's new 35,000-ton 16-inch battleship Littorio, was handed over to the Italian navy here to-day.

Fleet Of Four Ships
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
GENOA, May 6 (UP).—The 35,000-ton new super battleship the Littorio was handed over to the Italian Navy to-day by the directors of the Ansaldo shipyards, in the presence of high Italian naval officials.

This is the second of a series of four 35,000-ton battleships to be delivered to the Italian Navy in the past fortnight, the first being the Vittorio Veneto.

The construction of the other two vessels—the Roma and the Impero—is being speeded up in view of the international situation.

British Warships Near Java Ports

LONDON.—According to a Sydney broadcast, British warships are lying in wait for the 14 German merchantmen which have taken refuge in Java ports.

Reports that the vessels have already put to sea have been proved wrong, but it is thought that they may make a dash for Vladivostok.

coolies involved, visited Mr. B. C. K. Hawkins, Labour Officer, yesterday, but the outcome of the conference cannot be ascertained.

CHINESE OFFENSIVE DEVELOPING

According to a "Central News" message from Chungking, the war in north Hupeh, south Honan, south Anhwei and south Shansi is developing favourably for the Chinese.

In north Hupeh, more than 20,000 Japanese in their recent abortive drives in south and southeast Shansi. Some 5,000 Japanese have been cut off from their base as a strong Chinese force has outflanked them.

During the past two days there has been bitter fighting along the Slang-Hwayuan highway. Using more than 40 tanks and armoured cars, some 5,000 Japanese have launched a vigorous attack in this region. The Chinese are said to be holding them at Lishan, Chwanlien and Antien.

Japanese Thrust
Enemy forces at Chungking and Yangtze in central Hupeh started a northward push in three columns on May 1 in support of the Japanese drives in north Hupeh. Chinese reports claim that one of these columns has been routed near Changshouien, about 16 miles from Chungsiang.

A second column is said to be held at Fungloho, while the third column, thrusting at Changsiachih, has also suffered a reverse at the hands of Chinese troops.

To threaten the Japanese rear, strong Chinese units are developing an encircling movement around Chungsiang and Yangtze.

In south Honan, it is stated that the Japanese are continually calling in reinforcements to replenish their heavy losses. With their numbers increased to over 10,000, the invaders are reported to be near Tungchih, launched another "big push" during the week-end.

Cities Recaptured
The Chinese put up stiff resistance and recaptured Sishangho, west of Sinyang, thereby claiming to have cut the Japanese retreat.

Lingyangchen, about 17 miles south of Tsingking, on the south bank of the Yangtze River in south Anhwei, has been retaken by the Chinese. It is said that the Chinese, who are pursuing the invaders, have reached a point only two and a half miles southeast of Tsingyang.

Fencheng, on the west side of the Tatung-Puchow Railway, was taken by the Chinese a few days ago after some blood-splattered fighting. It is estimated that some 4,000 casualties were sustained by the

SYDNEY READY FOR Q. MARY

SYDNEY.—Extensive harbour dredging to begin next week strengthens the belief that the Queen Mary and Mauretania are coming here to take Australian troops overseas.

It is believed that the Mauretania will arrive next month and will be followed a week later by the Queen Mary, which is taking a longer route from America because her size prevents her passage through the Panama Canal.

The dredging operations to be carried out will be the most intensive the Harbour has ever had. For some time a dredge has been working continuously in Woolloomooloo Bay, where the wharves are considered to be the only ones in Sydney Harbour capable of accommodating these great liners.

It was alongside one of these wharves that the 42,000-ton liner, Empress of Britain, berthed when she visited Sydney on her world cruise in April, 1938.

A note to mariners, published to-day, states that the Western Channel is to be closed to shipping. Veterans in the port cannot recall similar action before.

The notice tells pilots and masters that from 10 a.m. on Tuesday, the channel will be closed until further notice to all shipping, except ferries and smaller harbour craft. The Western Channel is more suitable to a big liner than the Eastern.

NETHERLANDS' PRECAUTIONS

AMSTERDAM, May 6 (Reuters).—By virtue of the present state of siege in Holland, the Defence Minister has appointed the Commanders of the garrisons at Amsterdam, The Hague and Rotterdam as Military Commissioners in the three cities—the leading cities in the country.

Crossword Puzzle

By LAKE MORRIS

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ACROSS

1—Reliable
2—Mistaken
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GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"It's an insult, the wages they offer—what do they think we are, college fellows!"

The gang's all here!

By P. L. MANNOCK

ONE night in May, 1917, I went to see "Bubblin'" one of the best revues of the war, at the Comedy Theatre. As I opened the programme a printed slip fluttered out, normal foreboding that some principal was "off."

Sure enough, "owing to the absence of Mr. Jack Hulbert, his part will be played by— who cared? Hulbert had joined the Army, and we had to make the best of an understudy."

Within ten minutes of the understudy's appearance, people were groping for the slips they had thrown away. "This fellow's darned good. What's his name? Mr. Jack Buchanan—never heard of him."

Within two months Jack was a big star. The other night I watched him delighting a huge Army audience. Like others who shot to fame during the last war, he is as good as ever.

It is remarkable how many who delighted us then are still doing so, their powers undimmed. There is, for example, Leslie Henson. It is hard to believe that 24 years have flown since his sudden arrival at the Gaiety in "The Night of the Night," succeeding the late Teddy Payne. For years Henson has held an annual reunion party of those who were with him in the remarkable entertainments behind the lines in 1918, which culminated in full-dress productions at a theatre in Little.

He intends to repeat his good work this time, and I cannot think of anyone who will be more welcome.

IN a terrific spectacular revue of 1915, "Watch Your Step," a leading part was in the hands of Lunt and Larr, then later graduated from the halls as a boy tumbling comedian. For many months this jolly, cherubic, agile little man has been exploiting "The Lambeth Walk" in the Victoria Palace show "Me and My Girl," and his free shows to soldiers have included a complete transportation of the production to Windsor and back.

George Graves, veteran dispenser of fruity chatter, was also in "Watch Your Step," and lately re-fired from the Victoria Palace cast.

MASTER showman and impresario C. B. Cochran introduced us in 1914 to defunct Alice Delysia in the first British intimate revue, "Odds and Ends."

This glamorous, fascinating creature became a star overnight. Former midwife and wife of the Anglo-French comedian Harry Fragson, she epitomised Parisian allure and grace.

I shall never forget her on the Pavilion stage on the hysterical Armistice Night of 1918, draped in a Tricolour flag and weeping with happiness. To-day you may see this delightful artist in a leading lady of the new Criterion comedy, "French for Love," first of London's new wartime plays.

"All quiet during the night. We repelled a number of enemy raiding parties."—Official War Communiqué.

THE advance listening post lies about eighty yards from the edge of the forest.

From it runs a shallow, zig-zag communicating trench to the main front-line trench skirting the forest to north and south.

The post is a strip of deep trench about fifteen feet long, and along its full length runs a fire-step. Its surface is nearly two feet above the trench duck-boards, and about four feet below the parapet.

The post is a sump-bre, brooding little world in the hours just before dawn—a still world held in the velvet grip of the lifting blackness.

The soldier, standing on the fire-step and leaning heavily against the parapet in the centre of the post, stares with strained intensity to his front.

Suddenly, there is a faint tinkle out there. The soldier stiffens. His eyes, and his mind, strive to pierce through the grey-dark to reach the faint noise.

For perhaps a minute his brain, eyes and body strain, yearning to ward the spot from where he imagines the sound to have come. Then, decisively, he cuddles his rifle stock to his shoulder, and the sharp, whip-like cracks of rifle-shots stab through the still coldness of the early dawn.

The effect of the rifle shots is like that of a pre-arranged signal. Far to the East, miles behind the enemy's known front line, brief yellow flashes stab their way towards the sky. Seconds later Hell breaks loose behind and to right and left of the small post.

THE canvas cloth of the dugout is thrust violently aside, and the men of the post stumble uncertainly out to the duckboards, then on the post fire-step.

Behind and to right and left of the post the crash of shells punctures the dawning day with livid flashes of light.

From the main trench skirting the forest, Verey lights shoot into the air, and burst into coloured multiples, screaming a desperate SOS to the artillery far behind.

In the post, lining its length of fire-step, nine men stare grimly into the misty grey in front. Silently, efficiently, hand-grenades are passed along from hand to hand and placed at each man's feet.

The bursting of shells behind and to right and left tell them a plain story. They are the objective of an enemy raiding party.

The box barrage hems them in on three sides. They can expect no assistance from their main trench; retreat is impossible.

The enemy who gave the first alarm first sighted the enemy.

He points towards a moving grey mass seen vaguely some forty yards beyond the barbed wire of the post. "There they are," he shouts. "Just over by those fallen trees!"



HOT WHILE IT LASTED

A number of the men fire rapidly into the grey mass, now breaking up into swiftly moving forms. The corporal's voice breaks through the pandemonium of crashing shells, rat-a-tat of machine-guns, and crack of rifles. "Go easy. Get ready to give them a dose of bombs when they're within distance."

★ EVEN as he spoke the front rank of the grey mass resolved into distinct forms, looming threateningly up about twenty yards from the wire.

The corporal's voice breaks through again. "Give it to 'em," he yells. "Give 'em all you've got!"

As he speaks he tears out the pin of his bomb and flings the Mills into the advancing mass.

The others followed the corporal's action. Crash, crash, crash, rip the grenades, and a number of grey forms fling up despairing arms as they collapse, their cries of pain cutting through the welter of mad sound.

Other grey forms come on. With grim, desperate courage, they ignore their fallen comrades and bear down relentlessly on the post.

From among them arms shoot up, hurling gas grenades, and these come hurtling towards the post. Most of them burst near the wire, scattering a fury of metal and earth over the defenders.

One of the men of the post makes a gurgling noise, his mouth opens, then, with a surprised gasp, he topples over and crashes to the duckboards.

The grey forms are now up against the wire.

One of them, a hulking man in the thirties, breathing heavily through an open mouth, crashes forward before the others.

He trips on an out-wire, strives frenziedly to regain his balance, then sprawls awkwardly at full length across the wire.

For a moment his pain-wracked eyes glare at the defenders of the post. His eyes hold fear, hatred, and appeal, then they dim over and his body sags loosely.

across the wire. And now comes a new contribution to the ear-splitting orchestration of sound. Shells begin to crash in No-man's land behind the attackers.

The defenders' artillery is responding in answer to the Verey light SOS from the main trench. The post is completely boxed-in by vicious, livid bursts of high explosive.

In the post men use rifles and fling hand-grenades in the knowledge that they are playing out the last few seconds of the drama of dawn.

Victory and defeat are in the balance. Seconds will decide whether the venture against death will be recorded as a successful raid or a repulsed raid.

And in that knowledge, edged with its implications, they strive like men possessed, in blind, sudden desperation.

The attackers wade through the mire; some try to cut at the wire with cutters, while here and there a grey man hammers blindly at the wire with a rifle-butt, hoping to flatten its crisp and prickling curlicues with blunt violence.

Some of the attackers keep lobbing over hand-grenades; others fire blindly with their rifles. And the defenders keep firing stubbornly.

★ THE conflict ends suddenly. One moment the attackers are there, struggling against the wire; the next they have melted away.

They could be seen running through the dawn mist towards their own lines. Some half-carry, half-drag wounded comrades.

For about a minute they remain in sight, then disappear behind the loose curtain of shell bursts from the defending artillery.

As they disappear the terrifying crash of shells begins to die down. The barrage flags to spasmodic bursts, then to occasional crashes, and finally all noise ceases and quiet holds the dawn in thrall.

In the post the corporal is completing an inventory.

The right side of his unshaven face is clogged with blood, and he limps slightly as he moves across the square, clutching duckboards.

For a moment he stares blankly towards the East. Then, speaking as if to himself, he comments in a dry, flat voice:

"Two dead, three injured. Ten Jerries on the wire and others, maybe, further out. It was short, but, God, it was hot while it lasted!"

S. A.

Britain Needs Low-Dive Bombers

(By A Military Correspondent)

German experience in Poland, and our own briefer practice against German airfields in Norway and Denmark points to low dive-bombing as the only reliable tactic.

The German JU87 and Henschel HS123 dive bombers massacred the grounded Polish air force on the day war broke out. Afterwards they smashed up the Warsaw aircraft factory, Lvov railway station, and heavily damaged Modlin fortress.

German decoy tricks are endless. Five raiding aircraft flew high over Norwegian anti-aircraft batteries. Suddenly two (the dive bombers) broke formation and dived. The A.A. gunners, believing these two airplanes hit, fired steadily at high level. The dive bombers swooped down, obliterated a battery, and zig-zagged away at low altitude.

Our Fairey "batlle" monoplane and Westland Lysander Army co-operation machines can be used for dive-bombing. But since they are not fitted with diving brakes to steady themselves, their aim lacks precision.

The only real dive bombers in Britain's Air Forces are the Blackburn "Skua" of the Fleet Air Arm. Their diving brakes click diving speed to 250 m.p.h. Two hundred Douglas naval dive bombers are on order from the United States.

The Nazi dive bombers, being short range machines, have to be based on a coast defence. But (i) The new Nazi Norway bases are a good deal nearer. (ii) Longer range dive bombers will certainly be built. The Italians already have them. (iii) The French targets are within easy reach of the Germans.

The viceroy French have foreseen this. They have built underground aircraft factories. The Nazis are reported to have many more.

France is training companies of parachute troops, intended to

harass convoys and trains and to destroy or seize bridges, railway stations and harbours. The Russians, who first developed this technique, did not succeed very well with their parachute troops in Finland. The Nazis claimed important tactical successes in Poland, and to-day are fully exploiting the practice in Norway. What are we doing about it?

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INSTALMENT II

August, 1939. The quarrel between Germany and Poland had reached deadlock. War was near. Negotiations for a pact between Britain and Russia were still dragging on interminably.

Then came the bombshell. Russia had made a pact not with Britain but with Germany. Sir Nevile Henderson, British Ambassador in Berlin until the outbreak of war, today describes Hitler's truculent jubilation at his new "triumph."

FROM the outset, I regarded the British negotiations with Russia as something which had to be attempted, but which lacked all sense of realities.

I never believed in any effective or altruistic assistance being afforded by the Russians to the Poles.

The most that I hoped was that if the U.S.S.R., however half-heartedly, joined the peace front, Hitler would regard discretion as the better part of valour and come down on the side of peaceful discussion.

But I always believed that Moscow's chief aim was to enmesh Germany and the Western Powers in a common ruin. This was, up to August, similarly the professed view of all Germans, from Hitler downwards, who commented on our Russian negotiations.

I raised this point with Hitler himself when I saw him at Berchtesgaden on August 23.

Ribbentrop was at Moscow on that day engaged in signing the Russo-German Treaty, and Hitler expatiated to me triumphantly on the value and great advantages of the new alliance, which, he said, was definite and permanent.

"Britain drove me to Stalin"

I reminded him of his previous attitude towards the Soviets, and expressed the opinion that he might find Russia's friendship even more dangerous than her enmity.

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Excuse for STALIN PACT

I added, speaking quite personally and on purely moral grounds, that if an agreement had to be made with Moscow—

for whom Communism was now merely the cloak for intense nationalism and whose ulterior motives seemed to me highly suspicious—I had rather Germany made it than ourselves.

Hitler was for a moment confused and taken aback. He reported, however, that it was all our fault: it was we who had driven him into Russia's arms.

But it was the answer of a man who was seeking to excuse himself.

At the beginning of the month, the alliance between Berlin and Warsaw and the lack of progress in our talks at Moscow were not the only indications that the barometer might suddenly and rapidly fall.

Apart from the deterioration of the situation at Danzig, the Ger-



After signing the Russo-German pact—Ribbentrop (on left), Stalin (centre), and Molotov (right).

dors regarding the Nuremberg Rally in September.

The Polish Ambassador, whose position in Berlin had become entirely equivocal, would conform, he said, with whatever was decided as regards his British and French colleagues.

Mobilisation in secret

When I was asked by the Foreign Office what my views were on this point, my answer was that it was still quite uncertain whether the 1939 Nuremberg Party Day would ever take place at all, but that, if we did safely reach September, I would have no hesitation in gladly attending some at least of the celebrations there.

But would we get to September in safety? That was the only consideration which was exercising my mind at that time.

As it was generally understood that Hitler would himself be present and would speak at the Tannenberg anniversary, and as I feared that he would make that occasion the starting point of the crisis, I did my best to find out something about his intentions with regard to that speech.

I could discover nothing, and, in fact, I was probably mistaken. Hitler's action was not to be dependent on a speech.

The Tannenberg anniversary was merely cover for his military preparations against Poland, just as the military review for the Vienna anniversary in March had been for his Prague coup.

The clouds were, in fact, gathering fast, and the first mutterings of the storm were heard on August 4.

A Polish note to the Danzig Senate had led to a provocative German verbal note to the Polish Government, and the terms of the Polish reply provided Hitler with a motive for the indispensable brain-storm.

Up to that week of notes, public enemy No. 1 was still Great Britain and her alleged policy of encirclement.

From that date the stories of Polish atrocities and references to German honour began to take the leading place in the German newspapers.

The 1938 stories of Czech atrocities against its German minority were relished up almost verbatim in regard to the Poles. How far Herr Hitler himself believed in the truth of these tales must be a matter for conjecture. Germans are prone in any case to convince themselves very readily of anything which they wish to believe. Certainly he behaved as if he did believe, and, even if one gives him the benefit of the doubt, these reports but served to inflame his resentment to the pitch which he or his extremists desired.

It is impossible to exaggerate the influence of Ribbentrop, Goebbels, Himmler and company.

It was consistently sinister, not so much because of its suggestiveness (since Hitler alone decided policy) nor because it merely applauded and encouraged, but because, if Herr Hitler appeared to hesitate the extremists of the party at once proceeded to fabricate situations calculated to drive Herr Hitler into courses which even he at times seems to have shrunk from risking.

So, before long, Hitler's carefully calculated patience was exhausted. On August 18 I telegraphed to Lord Halifax that I had come to the definite conclusion that, if peace was to be preserved, the present situation could not be allowed to continue, and that the only alternative to war must be some immediate and mediatory action.

My pleas to the Cabinet

In this connection I repeated a suggestion which I had made some time previously, namely, that a personal letter should be addressed by the Prime Minister to Hitler and be delivered by some emissary from London.

Two days later I again telegraphed to the same effect, and stated my conviction that Hitler

had now finally decided upon some form of immediate action which would force the issue.

I alluded to the increased German military strength which had been assembled in East Prussia under cover of the Tannenberg anniversary, and again expressed my apprehension lest that celebration might prove the starting point for the action which Hitler contemplated.

I have little doubt that such was Hitler's original and premeditated intention.

A few days later, definite information, in fact, reached me that the long-expected but carefully concealed German military concentrations were already in progress, and that instructions had been given to complete them by August 24.

One report actually mentioned August 25 as the date fixed for the German advance into Poland.

I believe that the orders to that effect were actually signed by Hitler.

The truth undoubtedly was that by this time, not only were Germany's military preparations sufficiently advanced for Hitler to take the initiative, but also he could now definitely count upon Russia's complicity in his infamous designs against Poland.

What was the Russian price?

The exact date on which he was able to do the latter will be, for obvious reasons, one of the most interesting points which history will have to reveal to us. That and the price, moral and material, which Hitler paid for U.S.S.R. complicity.

In any case, so far as the rest of the world was concerned, it was late in the evening of August 21 that the bombshell was exploded, announcing that negotiations had been concluded for the signature of a Russo-German non-aggression pact and that Ribbentrop would fly to Moscow on August 23 to sign it.

The secret, which on the German side had been known to not more than a few persons, had been well kept.

The first impression in Berlin was one of immense relief, partly at the removal of the dreaded Russian air menace, but more particularly because the public had been led to believe by Goebbels' propaganda that the British negotiations with the U.S.S.R. were really encirclement with a view to a preventive war.

The conclusion of Russo-German non-aggression pact therefore meant that peace was assured, since Britain would not, it was told, fight for Danzig or Poland without Russian aid.

Once again the faith of the German people in the ability of their Fuehrer to obtain his objective without war was reaffirmed.

Its satisfaction was, however, short-lived and the deception considerable when it was realised that Britain's word to Poland did not depend on Russian support.

Those who had fought the war of Nazism against Communism were furthermore puzzled by this complete volte-face.

The Nazi theory of racial purity had been discarded in March and in August the second of its basic principles, namely, anti-Communism, was thus equally relegated to the scrap heap.

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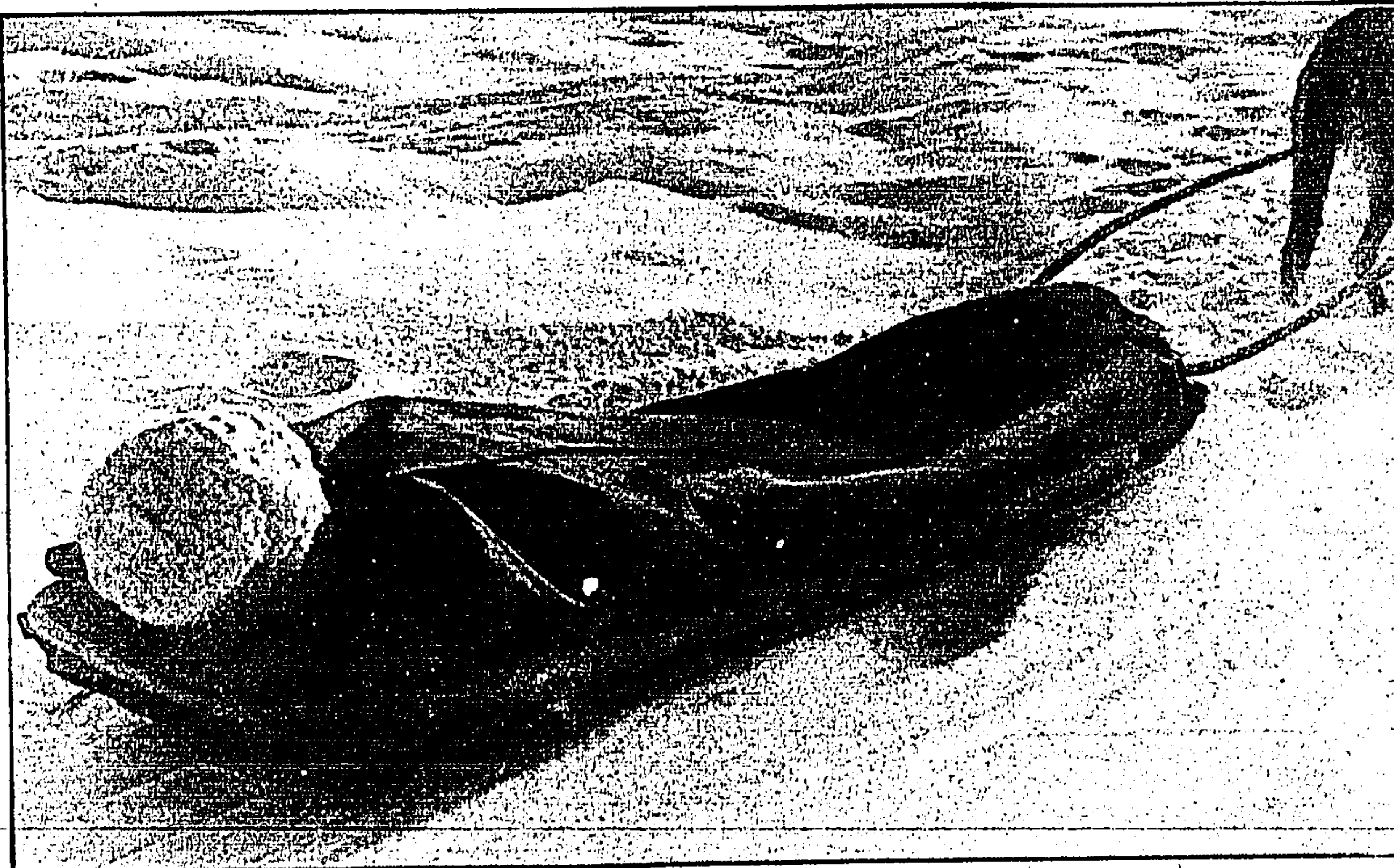
The Allied withdrawal from Southern Norway adds to the risk of a German invasion of Sweden, which could be accomplished in the south without risk of Allied inter-

vention. Sweden, biggest and most important of the Scandinavian countries, has her armed force standing by ready for any eventuality. All available dogs have been mobilised, and

troops are busy training them to bring back possible casualties to the base. Although it is still necessary for men to lead them, it is hoped that the dogs will soon be able to lead themselves.



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BRITAIN'S UNEMPLOYED LOWEST ON RECORD

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that the number of unemployed on April 15 was 972,695 as compared with 1,121,213 on March 11 and 1,644,394 on April 17 last year.

This is the lowest figure since the end of 1920 when the extended unemployment insurance scheme began to operate.

WESTERN FRONT

ALL QUIET!

PARIS, May 6 (Reuter).—To-night's communique states that there is nothing of importance to report.

There was some artillery fire in Lower Alsace.

French Communique.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, May 6 (UP).—To-day's communique says the Germans attacked French outposts, one mile

FLYING BOATS DAMAGED

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—It is stated at the Air Ministry that two Sunderland flying boats anchored off the coast of Norway on Sunday were damaged by machine-gun fire in an attack by German planes.

The German claim to have shot down two Bristol Blenheim bombers is described as quite untrue.

from Billes after heavy artillery preparations.

The fighting continues but the outcome is not yet known.

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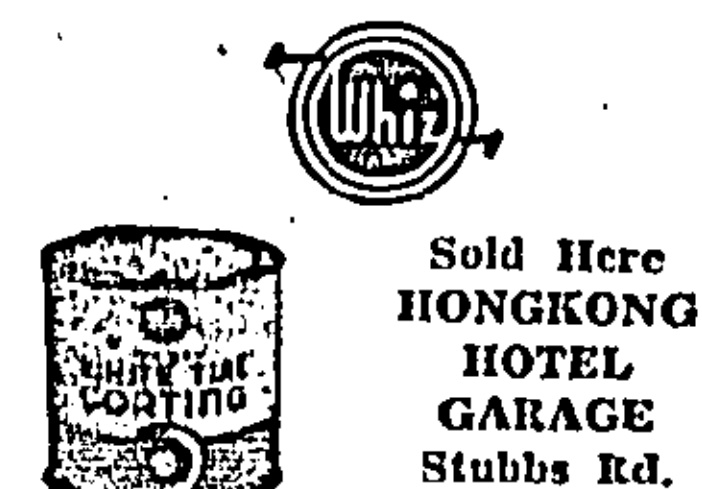


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DEATH

HUANG—At the Queen Mary Hospital, on May 4, 1940, Dr. Teetang F. Huang, formerly of Shanghai, at the age of 40 years. The Coroner will leave Anderson's Funeral Parlour, 2 Caroline Road, at 4 p.m. to-day. (Shanghai papers please copy).

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Lion and The Uniform

A recent question in the House of Commons seemed to indicate that many British soldiers would welcome a relaxation of the order that forbids them to appear in civilian clothes, when on leave.

The days are gone when the uniform could be reckoned one of the great attractions that induced a man to take the King's shilling, when the recruit, having attained to all the glory of scarlet-tunic and gold braid, might feel something of the elation of Gilbert's character, who confessed:

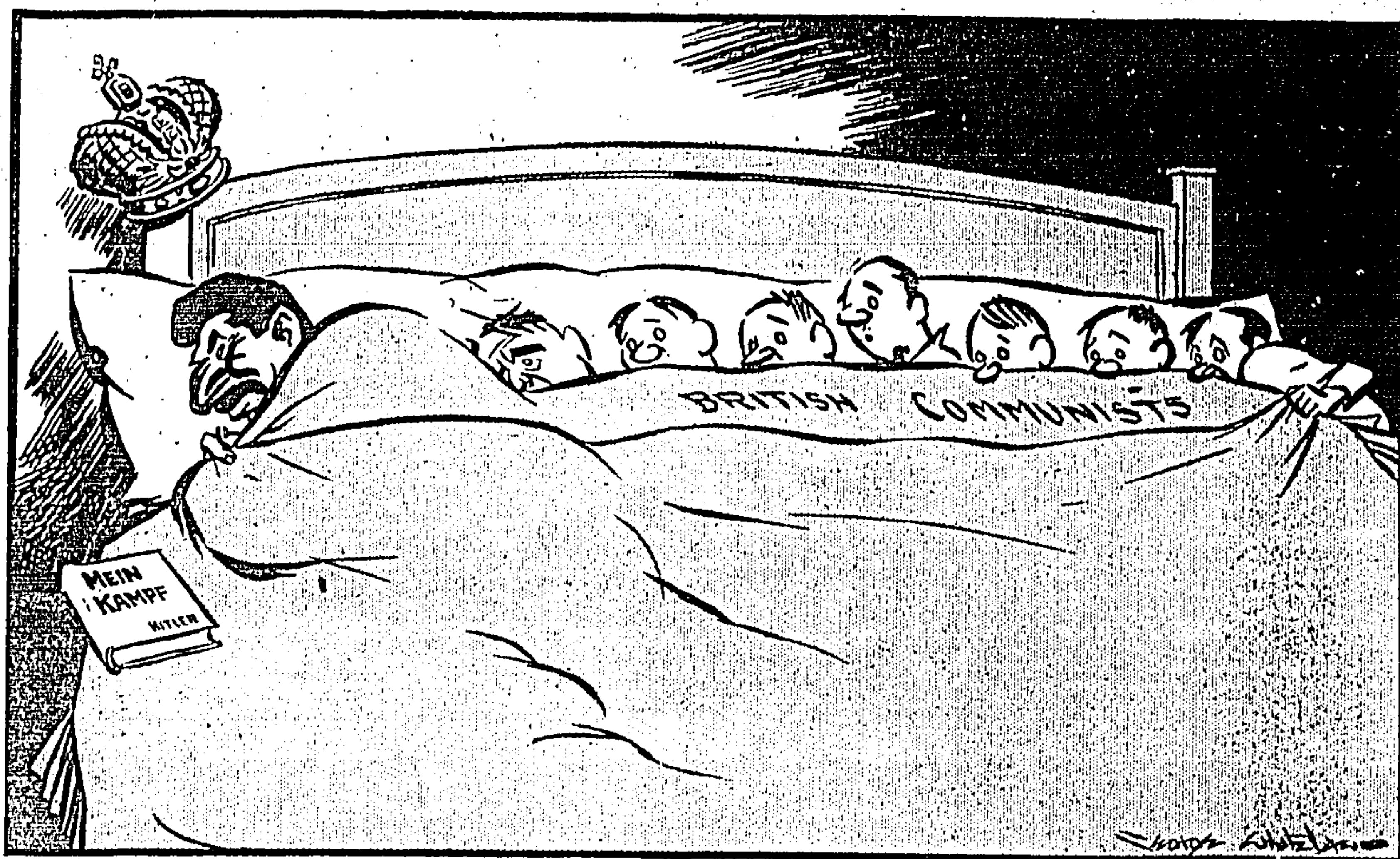
When I first put this uniform on I said, as I looked in the glass, "It's one to a million That any civilian My figure or form will surpass."

For the King's uniform, no less honoured than in the past, is considerably less decorative than it was; and though the new "battle dress" is of course very fashionable wear at the moment, it is hardly what the tailors' advertisements call "natty suiting."

Then again, times have changed as well as uniforms: At Home the British soldier of to-day is usually a civilian performing an unwished-for duty, and not of the type who takes tunics for splendour and pants for glory. However much a lion in action, he does not like the arrangement that when

The lion in his uniform is fighting for the crown,
The lion wears his uniform all round the town.
for his natural preference is for the role of a citizen: devoted to peaceful pursuits. And it does seem that he might be allowed to dress the part on a holiday.

STRUBE WILL REAPPEAR TO-MORROW



"WHEN FATHER SAYS TURN, WE ALL TURN!"

I Sailed with Angus McLeod...

Through the North Sea Zone

BY A. J. McWHINNIE (Our Naval Correspondent)

IT'S surprising whom you meet when you are in a war-ship, far out in the North Sea, watching the war from a ringside seat.

I met Angus McLeod, of Stornaway, for instance—both of him.

I have just landed at an East Coast port after a voyage through nearly 1,000 miles of the world's most dangerous sea. The warship has been conveying long lines of merchantmen to British ports for the unloading of holds crammed with your food.

One dark night, well out from shore, I went on the bridge with the men of the middle watch. The ship was rolling heavily. The wind howled. It was icy cold.

Look Out!

On each wing of the bridge a hooded, muffled, look-out man peered through their new inflatable rubber life-jackets. They were there, and there are now 200 Angus McLeods in the war at sea.

Do you remember the peace-time story of Angus McLeod? I wrote it just more than five months ago on the sunny afternoon of a fine summer's day when the first of the Naval Reserves were being called up as an emergency measure.

We weren't at war then. "Here, Sir!" I went to Portsmouth to watch the first arrivals, answering the emergency summons to serve their country.

In a crowded room at the R.N. Barracks a petty officer bellowed the name, "Angus McLeod." And ten men stepped smartly forward. They all came from the Hebrides.

The war came. I often wondered what had happened to the ten Angus McLeods. I know now. For these ten Angus McLeods were among the ten who reported for duty at Portsmouth.

Since that sunny, peaceful day at Portsmouth they have been placed. And they have seen strange things. Together they have voyaged through nearly 15,000 miles of danger, risking nearly every pore of the war at sea can throw up.

Week in and week out they have been creeping gingerly round the mine-fields, guarding and guiding the merchant ships bringing goods to Britain.

Night after night they have been roused when off watch by the ship's alarm bell. They are as accustomed to answering the call "action stations"

Do You Remember This Picture?



IT was in the "Telegraph" on August 1, and showed Scots naval reservists reporting for duty at Portsmouth. Ten Angus McLeods were there, and there are now 200 Angus McLeods in the war at sea.

as the landlubber is to obeying traffic signals. There have been times when Nazi planes have roared overhead. That is why the brass fittings of their war-ship which once sparkled in the sun and the moonlight are never polished now.

At times a U-boat has been detected in the vicinity of the secret "Asdic" apparatus. A moment later the McLeods have been helping to send depth charges crashing and roaring under the seas.

I have seen the McLeods at the sea.

But through all these things no one ever saw an Angus McLeod but an eyelid.

Sea Cemetery

If you have never been to sea in wartime you have never felt the sadness of seeing a nautical cemetery.

All over the vastness of the water which separates this island of ours from the rest of Europe there are wrecks.

Their half-submerged funnels and masts look like sunken tombstones, rocking and swaying mournfully with the wind and the waves.

But, whether they see Nazi mines, German planes, wrecks, flares dropped from the skies, find themselves blanketed in fog or rolling, pitching and tossing in wild seas, or suspect that U-boats are near, the two McLeods never seem to change the look on their rugged, Western Isle faces.

Only for five minutes on that 1,000-mile trip did I see their faces relax. That was during the five minutes separating 1939 from 1940.

It was Hogmanay. The Captain had called all Scotsmen off watch to join him.

The two McLeods and all the other Scotsmen raised their glasses to their captain and their ship. And he raised his glass to them.

Little Sleep...

It wasn't long after that the alarm bell was ringing through the ship. Among those who climbed out of their hammocks were two Angus McLeods.

I watched them trotting with the rest of the ship's company to "action stations."

As they passed along the pitch-black deck of the ship they probably adjusted their new inflatable rubber life-jackets. They sleep and work in them. The old cork life-jackets are not being worn this war.

It didn't seem possible, as the ship became alive with men passing to their stations, that so short a time before they had been wishing each other a Happy New Year.

After this 1,000-mile trip to see the war at sea I know something about disturbed sleep. The men of the Royal Navy are almost getting accustomed to lack of sleep by now.

There must be an art, I suppose, in sleeping in your clothes with a rubber life-jacket under your coat all the time. It is an art which, for nearly a thousand miles, I failed to master.

.. And No Baths!

Ship's officers have their baths only when in port. There is never a moment at sea when they can be certain that the officer of the watch won't have the necessity for sounding the alarm.

That shrill summons has to be answered almost in seconds.

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If you look round the coast you may see one of the Angus McLeods walking jauntily through your main street when his ship is in port.

But, for the same reason that I cannot reveal the name of the ship in which I sailed, he will have only the letters H.M.S. on his sailor hat.

And if any enemy agent thinks he can discover which ship these particular Angus McLeods sail in he will be making a foolish guess.

Besides the two I have been with, there are another 200 Angus McLeods playing their part in Britain's war at sea.

Too old to fight—

from Sydney Smith

An airport near London. I watched a flight of brand new eight-gun Hurricane fighters take off from here this morning, piloted on a delivery flight to their first R.A.F. active service stations by civilian fliers whose average ages were between thirty and forty years.

Among those pilots were an ex-stockbroker, a company director, a building contractor, a commercial traveller, a flying club instructor, and some wealthy peacetime owner-pilots.

They were some of the forty peacetime pleasure and commercial pilots who have just passed through the R.A.F. Central Flying School, and taken a three months' course learning to fly the biggest and fastest machines the R.A.F. needs.

The flying club-men of 1939 have become the wartime ferry pilots of 1940. They are qualified to fly thirty-eight different types of military and training machines.

Wherever the R.A.F. needs its new aircraft delivered the A.T.A. pilots, some of them men who fought their first air battles on the Western Front twenty-five years ago, are delivering them to-day.

I visited the A.T.A. squadron earlier this morning at their headquarters to see them begin a day's work.

Take a haphazard sample of those pilots and you find men like these: Wai Handley, T.T. motor-cycle rider; Rupert Bellville, the Etonian bullfighter who flew in Spain during the civil war; Philip Wills, London shipping merchant who holds the British height and long distance gliding records; and Sidney Cummings, Brooklands racing motorist. One of the pilots, a flier of the last war, has only one hand. But he is qualified to fly any single-engine warplane for delivery, Spitfires included.

The veteran of the squadron, who flew "box kites" and Blériots before 1914, is forty-six-year-old Captain Norman Edgar, founder and director of Western Airways. To-day he is still fit to deliver new Hurricanes and Blenheims to the R.A.F.

—but still serving

WAR IN NORWAY

ENORMOUS LOSSES

Norwegian Minister Tells Of Havoc

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—"Our losses have been very great," declared Professor Kohlt in an interview with Reuters today.

He added that vast numbers had been killed or wounded or had disappeared. A great part of the Norwegian forces have been lost.

They had still, however, in the far north a very fine army which was absolutely intact.

This army, he said, should be of great assistance to the Allies especially as it was the strongest part of the Army and knew every inch of the difficult country.

This force was well-equipped but there was a shortage of anti-aircraft guns.

Large German Army

Regarding the size of the German army in Norway, Professor Kohlt said that it might be 50,000 or 100,000 but in any case it was very large.

He also stated that no appeal of any kind had been made by the Norwegian Government to Sweden for assistance. They did not want their good Swedish friends to be dragged through the misery they were going through and suffer the same fate as themselves.

Sweden, he said, would remain neutral as long as she was able to but what the future would bring was a matter for conjecture.

Referring to what had been written about the alleged treachery of the Norwegians and the "the Quilings" in the country, Professor Kohlt said that he had not heard of a single instance of treachery.

There were Nazi sympathizers in Norway but no Norwegian traitors.

Roosevelt's Horror

WASHINGTON, May 6 (Reuter).—"The bombing of helpless and unprotected civilians has aroused the horror of all men-kind," says President Roosevelt in a letter to the Annual Convention of the American Red Cross.

"I can assure you of my strongest support for any international convention which will give protection to the civilian non-combatant populations," continues the letter.

Civilians' Sufferings

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—Photographs of the havoc caused by German air raids on Norwegian towns appeared in the British press today. The pictures graphically show the wreckage of a town that was once Steinkjer, where only one building is left whole—and that by accident.

The pictures tell more vividly than any words could what the civilian population of Norway has had to endure.

Elverum is in ruins while at Andalsnes the wreckage is shown piled 20 feet high.

6,000-TON SHIP AFIRE AT SINGAPORE DOCK

Fire broke out at 4 p.m. on April 27 in the cargo of a 6,000-ton British ship lying alongside the Singapore Harbour Board wharves and twelve hours later firemen were still fighting the blaze both from land and sea.

The fire, which was discovered by a cadet who immediately informed the captain and officers of the vessel, quickly increased in volume and dense clouds of smoke which could be seen for miles around completely hid the half of the ship where the cargo was burning more fiercely.

One fire engine from the Singapore Harbour Board was soon at work on the fire with two hoses. Firemen went up the gangway and with the crew and officers tied damp handkerchiefs round their faces and went down into the holds with their hoses.

Three more engines arrived later and more hoses were rushed on board from the stern of the ship and pushed down ventilator shafts and into the holds. Firemen and crew were blinded by the dense smoke and scorched by the heat.

Four Harbour Board tugs and the Board's fire-boat drew alongside the vessel and fed more hoses to her.

With several hoses playing on the smouldering cargo, the fire seemed to abate but about two and a half hours after the alarm, the ship listed starboard so acutely that firemen who had at first to climb the gangway had only to walk straight on board.

At this stage flames leap high out of the holds.

Seven spotlights were trained on the vessel. Firemen and an officer of the brigade, Mr. T. Burns, donned smoke helmets and went down into the holds with the oxygen apparatus pumping air to them.

Mr. Burns, who was one of many who severely burned their hands and arms, was later taken to hospital for treatment.

In the early hours of next morning it was seen the holds were nearly burned out and the ship took on a heavier list.

The captain, officers and crew before this heavy list took off the ship's instruments and their belongings and were taken by ambulances to the Marine Hotel.

Brigade Wins In 24-Hour Battle

The fire was quelled after nearly 24 hours of fighting from land and sea.

As a result of the outbreak, which could be seen for some distance when at its height, some firemen including two officers of the

DUMB-BELLS FOR WANG CHING-WEI

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, May 7 (Domei).—Three dumb-bells will shortly be sent to Wang Ching-wei by Dr. Hiroshi Shimomura, President of the Japanese Amateur Athletic Association.

When Dr. Shimomura met Mr. Wang Ching-wei in Shanghai recently, the puppet administrator complained about his lack of exercise and the doctor advised him to try dumb-bells, promising to send him some upon his return to Japan.

SUBMARINE CAPTURED?

Nazis Claim British Vessel Seized

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, May 6 (UP).—Nothing is known in London regarding German reports that a British submarine has been captured in the Kattegat.

If the report is true it would be the eighth British submarine the British have lost so far in the war.

Previous losses were the submarines "Oxley," "Seahorse," "Undine," "Stitch," "Thistle," "Torpor" and "Strat." It is worthy of note that part of the crews of the Undine and Stratfish, which are understood to have been lost in the Heligoland Bight, have been rescued, according to a German wireless report.

Towed By Minesweeper.

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—The Berlin news agency gives alleged details of the capture of a British submarine in the Kattegat.

It says that the submarine was drifting dangerously in the middle of a mined area when German patrol vessels approached.

A German Oiler took command. The submarine was towed from the danger zone with the assistance of minesweepers.

The British said that they had struck a mine and the submarine had become incapable of diving and, owing to engine trouble, they were also unable to continue their voyage on the surface.

"The crew were glad to be rescued, particularly as the ship had been lying at the bottom of the sea some time after the explosion," says the agency.

The submarine has been taken to a German port.

No Trace Of European Girl

Disappearance From Peak Residence

Up to the time of going to press this morning, nothing further has been heard of Miss Olive R. Rowan, a Scots woman, who disappeared from No. 505 The Peak, last Wednesday.

Miss Rowan arrived in the Colony last January on the Empress of Asia and had since then been a guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Harriman.

A qualified nurse, she left No. 505 The Peak last Wednesday for Kowloon to inquire after a position. Nothing more has been heard of her.

When she failed to make an appearance Mr. Harriman made a report to the Gough Hill Police Station. Central Charge Room this morning stated that no further report on her disappearance had been made.

HEAVY AIR LOSSES

Complete Superiority Established By R.A.F.

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—A close scrutiny of all available information shows that during the past four weeks German losses in aircraft greatly exceeded those of Britain.

This was so despite the higher risks to which the R.A.F. and Fleet Air Arm were inevitably exposed during the Norwegian campaign.

British losses on all fronts are shown to have totalled 48 machines.

Nazis Lose 200 Machines. Germany, on the other hand, is computed to have lost for certain 138 planes, while as many as 97 others probably have been completely destroyed or put out of action for some time.

These figures are based on Air Ministry and Admiralty announcements, authoritative reports in neutral and Norwegian Press and news agency, and newspaper dispatches received in London.

To these figures must be added the machines destroyed on the ground or at sea during British raids on German air bases in Norway. Of these losses, only the Germans know.

Nazis Fly Over Sweden. STOCKHOLM, May 6 (Reuter).—A German seaplane flew over southern Swedish territory today and alighted in the sea at the entrance to the channel which separates Sweden and Denmark.

A ship, called by a Swedish plane, picked up the German plane and her crew.

A German plane made a forced landing in Swedish territory on Saturday near the frontier north of Narvik.

Some foreign planes flew over this territory on Sunday.

Speeding Up Production

Gigantic Allied Plan For More Warplanes

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—An intensive campaign for speeding up the production of warplanes and the training of airmen has been started.

This is signalled by the changes now announced in the training of airmen and the appointment of a controller of light alloys by the Air Ministry.

It is expected that men will now be able to pass through the various training stages much more quickly.

Joint Effort

The Empire Air Training Scheme is being pressed forward and in addition arrangements are now made for training schools not only in France but in the French Empire.

This will be a joint effort by the British and French Empires. One of the difficulties in production hitherto has been connected with light alloys, the production of which has had to be multiplied many times compared with peace-time requirements.

This has hitherto been in the hands of volunteer controllers lacking certain powers. A full-time controller with the necessary powers has now been appointed.

Details Of Scheme. LONDON, May 6 (British Wireless).—The large and rapid expansion of the R.A.F. has necessitated the reorganisation of training arrangements, which will now be divided into two commands—one dealing with flying training and the other technical.

Hitherto there have been two training commands, each of which has undertaken both air and technical instruction.

In February, 1939, a separate reserve command was formed in order to relieve the regular training command and concentrated special attention to the R.A.F. Volunteer Reserve, whose training, being on a part-time basis, had to be dealt with on different lines from the whole-time training of the regular R.A.F.

Full-time was, of course, assumed by the Volunteer Reserve directly war broke out, and thereafter training distinction largely disappeared. Moreover, competent authorities point out it is desirable that intensive training of personnel should remain under one command.

Technical Training Command. It, therefore, has been decided to create a Technical Training Command under Acting Air-Marshal W. L. Welsh, which will undertake the complete training of the exceedingly large number of high skilled men required for the maintenance of aircraft and equipment, and a Flying Training Command under Acting Air-Marshal L. A. Patterson, which will be responsible for training pilots and air crews.

TOURS BOMBER COMMAND UNITS

LONDON, May 6 (British Wireless).—Captain H. H. Balfour, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Air, on Sunday toured R.A.F. Bomber Command units that have been heavily engaged in recent operations.

Captain Balfour, piloting a three-seater monoplane, visited several stations where he had an opportunity of conveying the appreciation of the Air Council for the achievements of the squadrons.

At one station, he was introduced to four N.C.O.s who, as members of different bombers, had all been decorated for outstanding gallantry.

ANOTHER NEW DEATH WEAPON

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, May 6 (UP).—According to the latest issue of the Army and Navy Journal, German planes are being equipped with cannons to destroy French planes which, says the report, would be "blown to bits in the air as a result of a direct hit by an explosive bullet."

VEHEMENT CRITICISM

Labour Says Premier Should Resign

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, May 6 (UP).—The Labour Party demanded drastic changes in the policy and personnel of the Cabinet during today's debate in the House of Commons.

Mr. Hugh Dalton, prominent Labour M.P., declared: "There must be drastic changes both in the policy and in the persons at the top."

"Under New Management" Mr. Dalton said: "Chamberlain and Simon are our two greatest liabilities, both at home and abroad. They would best serve their country by resigning now. Then an encouraging board could be put outside of No. 10 Downing Street saying 'War Against Hitler Under New Management.'"

"We have no assurance, whatever, in the light of our Norwegian experience, where the Intelligence Service broke down or was ignored by Downing Street; where no plans were ready and not sufficient troops prepared for an attack on Trondheim, that the same thing may not happen again next week in any one of half a dozen other countries."

Absurd Nazi Allegation

Norwegian Commander Held, They Claim

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—German allegations that the Norwegian Commander, General Ruze, is kept a prisoner on board a British ship are refuted by an authoritative statement issued in London.

The statement said that from this ship the English sent out a call to the Norwegians urging them to fight on is also refuted.

The statement says that the facts are that General Ruze boarded a British warship at his own request, that the ship was provided specially for him and his staff, and that his subsequent movements had been decided by his own wishes.

He is now on Norwegian soil.

Unscrupulous Stories. LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—The Ministry of Information states: "During the last 36 hours, the German Wireless and news services have been spreading unscrupulous stories about impending trouble on the Balkan frontiers. Many of the stories conflict."

"Others issued from Berlin are denied—also from Berlin—an hour or two later after issue. By spreading these stories, Germany seeks to create just the atmosphere of uncertainty which will favour her own purpose."

Remarkable Escape

Pilot's Experience 25,000 Feet Up

LONDON, May 6 (British Wireless).—The story was told in London today by the Commander of an R.A.F. squadron in France of the experience of one of his pilots who, after bringing down a Nazi fighter in combat, found his own engine in flames when 25,000 feet above the ground.

The young pilot decided to "ball out" and left the machine, but having had to disconnect the oxygen tube, lost consciousness immediately after.

When he regained his senses, he was falling through a cloud. "I thought I was in heaven," he said, "but when I reached the other side of the cloud, I decided that I was not so I pulled the ripcord of the parachute to prevent me from going elsewhere."

Hitler Writes To King Of Sweden

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—It has been announced by the German official news agency that Hitler and the King of Sweden had a written exchange of views on the political situation during the latter half of April.

The exchange has strengthened the complete agreement existing on the question of the future policy of both countries in conformity with statements already announced by the German and Swedish Governments.

OVERLAND DRIVE ON NARVIK

Nazis Pushing North From Trondheim

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" BERLIN, May 6 (UP).—Informed circles say the German forces from Trondheim are already half way to Narvik.

The German radio cites Swedish reports that these troops had reached the towns of Mijoen and Mo.

Norwegian Resistance

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" STOCKHOLM, May 6 (UP).—The "Aftonbladet" report from the Norwegian frontier states that Norwegian detachments are putting up a stiff resistance in the Gaudal Valley, half way between Storöen and Røros.

Fighting is reported to be going on between Rognes and Singnes to the east of Storöen. It is claimed that one Norwegian force at Rognes had "some success" against 3,000 Germans.

Norwegians Holding Out

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—According to the Norwegian telegraph agency, Norwegian troops are still holding out in the wild Gul Valley between Røros and Storöen.

A detachment of 250 German soldiers passed through Røros to-day en route to Guldal.

Norwegian troops at Trysil, northeast of Elverum, retreated on orders received after the Allied evacuation. It is believed that they will disperse.

The Germans are reported to have arrested many civilian Norwegians, alleging that they had assisted Norwegian armed forces.

London Silence.

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—A War Office communique issued today states that there is nothing to report from the Narvik area.

Allies Attacking City

LONDON, May 6 (British Wireless).—It is authoritatively stated in London that Allied forces are attacking Narvik where, it is believed, some 3,000 to 4,000 Germans are besieged.

The Allied forces are closing in, but no rapid success is expected largely owing to severe snowstorms which are raging in that area.

The Germans in Narvik for a fortnight have been able to dig themselves in and a state approaching trench warfare has developed.

It is pointed out that encounters must, therefore, take the form of attacks by British troops on set German positions.

Reports that heavy naval bombardments have been directed against the town and shore batteries are regarded as greatly exaggerated.

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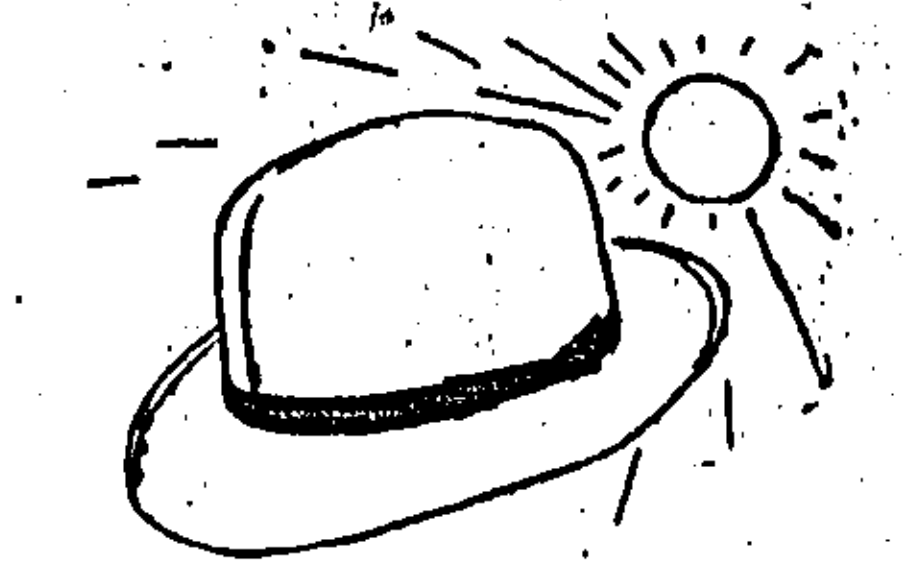
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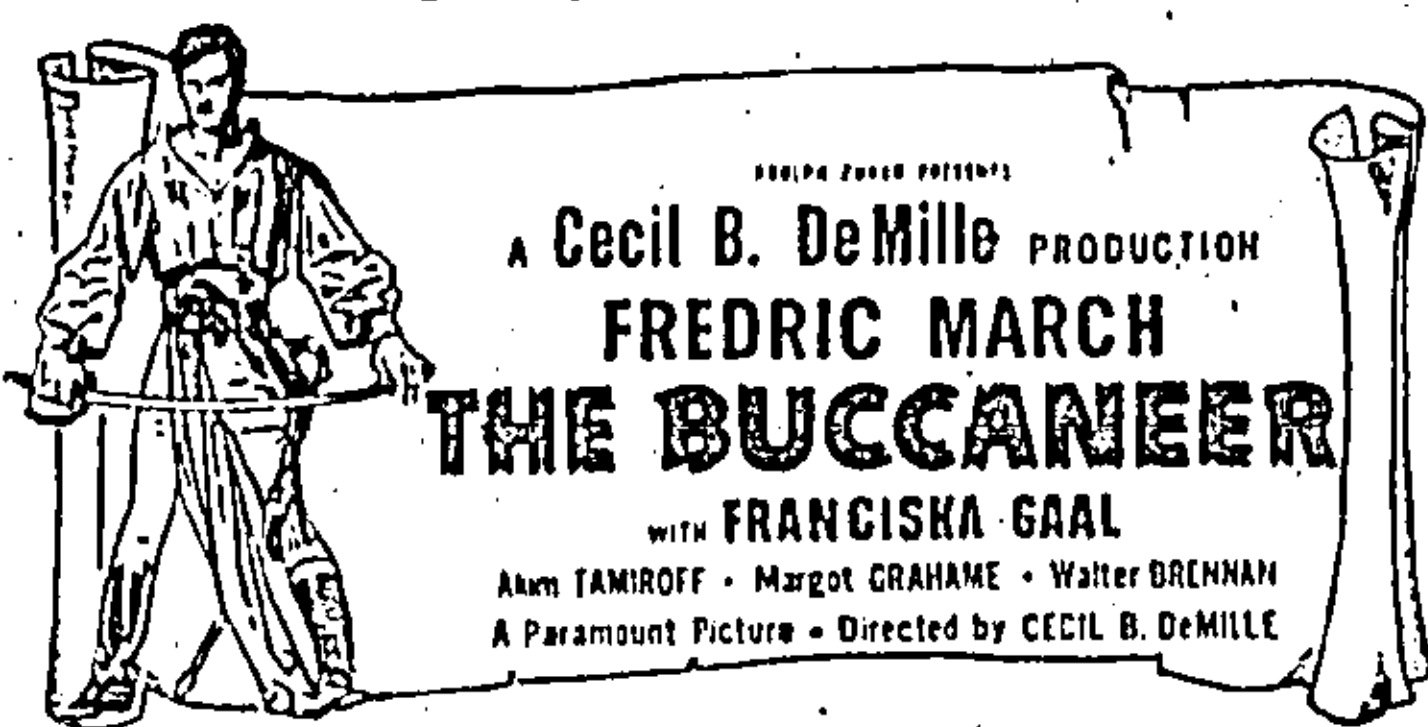
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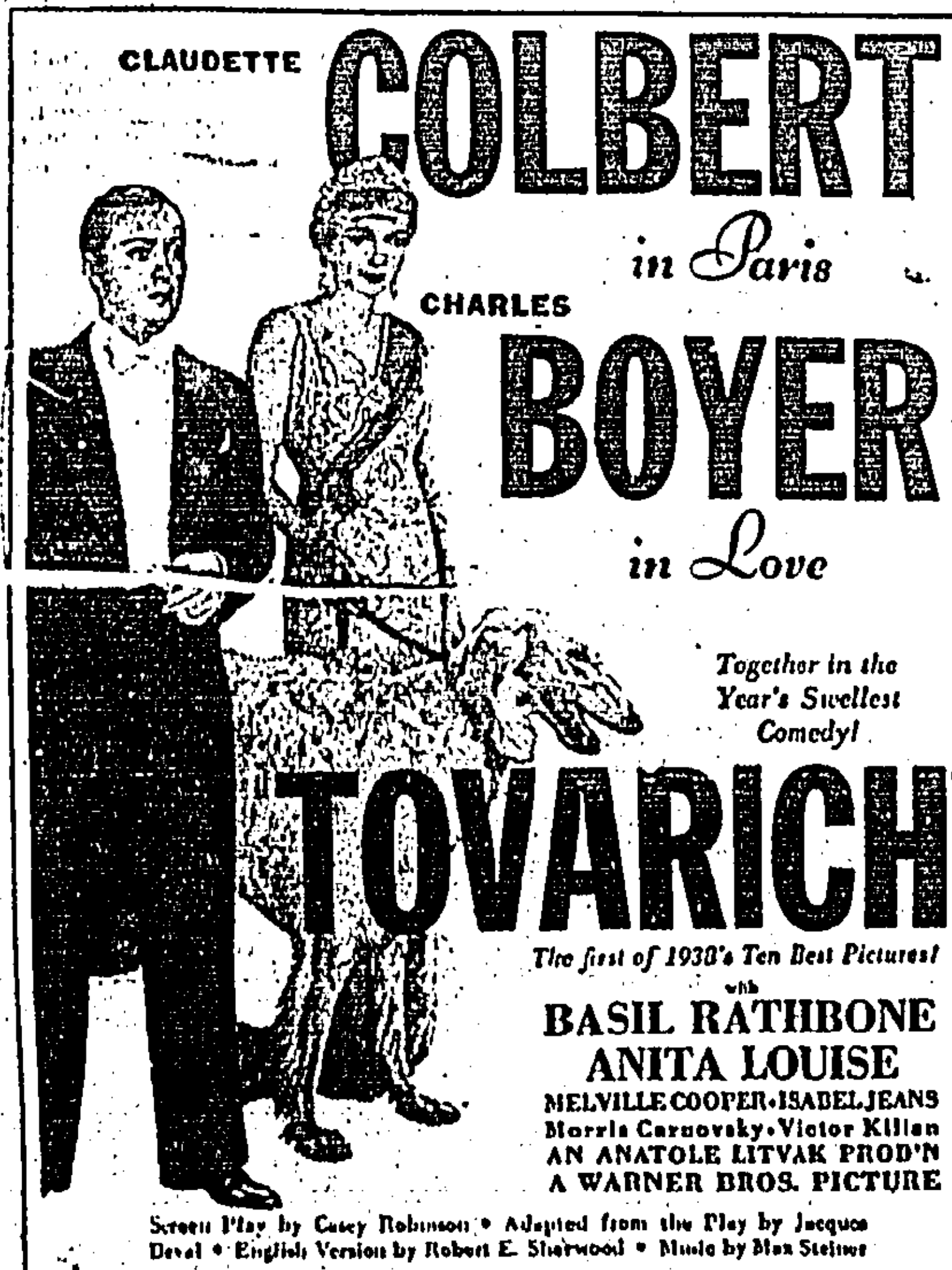


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The vessel is now lying in the Camber, Royal Naval Yard, Kowloon, and all material on board will be sold together with her with the exception of chain cable, anchor and gear, which will be lent to the purchaser for navigational safety within the port of Hongkong.
Tenders must reach the Naval Store Officer, H.M. Dockyard, not later than noon on May 20.
With a displacement of 400 tons, it is understood the tug had been used as a water-bomb by the naval authorities.

LATE NEWS

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far beyond the immediate subject matter of his statement itself. From the strictly military standpoint the setback in Norway is no major disaster of the kind likely to imperil our ultimate victory. Its real significance is its relation to the energy, foresight and efficiency with which the war as a whole is being conducted. We want to be sure we are really gathering our strength for a decisive ultimate attack.

"More than that, we must be able to convince the outside world no less than ourselves, for the attitude of the neutrals, so vital to our diplomacy, is dependent much more on our strength and prospects than on our morals. A tensely expectant world will study the nations' reaction to the Government's case as carefully as the case itself."

The "Times" says: "It is not fully realised that the Nazi party and general staffs of the German armed forces are one. To strike a tremendous blow behind a dense smoke-screen of deception, feints, propaganda and sabotage was ever the ideal of the German general staff, but it required the Nazi doctrine and philosophy to perfect the process. This is based on treachery and complete lack of scruple, but marked by vigour, imagination and boldness. We cannot imitate treachery, but we can prevent our minds from running in ruts, and reanimate our intellects to meet conditions of total war."

The "Daily Mail" declares: "The debate will widen. People want to know what is going to be done to beat Germany. There must be radical changes in the Government." The "News-Chronicle" says: "So far we have only been waging half a war. We have been fighting it in our spare time with our spare resources. Now we must do that perilous folly and start to wage total war."

The "Daily Herald" expresses doubts about Mr. Chamberlain's fitness to govern.

ACQUITTED

Wan Chun-jing, charged with the murder of Yuen Yuet in a tea house at Fanning, was this afternoon found not guilty by the jury at the Criminal Session, and the man was discharged by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor.

In the course of his evidence, Wan denied that he stabbed Yuen, and he also alleged that prisoners in Stanley Gaol had taught him what to say in the Magistrate's court, which statement he now denied as being true.

Mr. Percy Chen defended Wan, while Mr. G. P. Murphy prosecuted.

EXTENSIVE AIR RAIDS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" KWEILIN, May 6 (UP).—Japanese planes to-day carried out extensive bombing raids on six cities on the highway northeast and west of Nanning.

Thirty people are said to have been killed at Liuchow.

DEVELOPMENT OF COLONIES

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—The text has been issued of the Colonial Development and Welfare Bill which was introduced by Mr. Malcolm MacDonald in the House of Commons last week.

It provides the machinery to carry out the Government's colonial development policy and also provides for the remission, wholly or partially, of loans to the colonies and dependencies totalling £11,204,000. This includes advances to Bechuanaland, Basutoland and Swaziland for the various purposes such as combating soil erosion, the construction of roads and bridges. It will be remitted only in part. It also includes loans to the Uganda Railway.

Blown Up By British Mines

Nazi Ship, Swedish Trawler Are Sunk

STOCKHOLM, May 6 (Reuter).—A German steamer and a Swedish trawler are reported to have been blown up to-day off Vinga, outside the port of Gothenburg, when 12 Swedish trawlers and the steamer suddenly found themselves among a shoal of floating mines. The trawler's crew of four were lost but the crew of the German steamer, totalling 35, reached the Swedish coast safely.

COMMUNISTS ARE CONDEMNED

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—A resolution condemning the Communist Party has been passed by the National Union of Distributive Allied Workers.

The resolution urges the executive council of the Union and the Labour Party to keep a close watch on any attempts to divide the working parties. Communist influence must be checked wherever found.

The proposer of the resolution said that the time had come to get rid of the silly symphonies the Communist Party plays.

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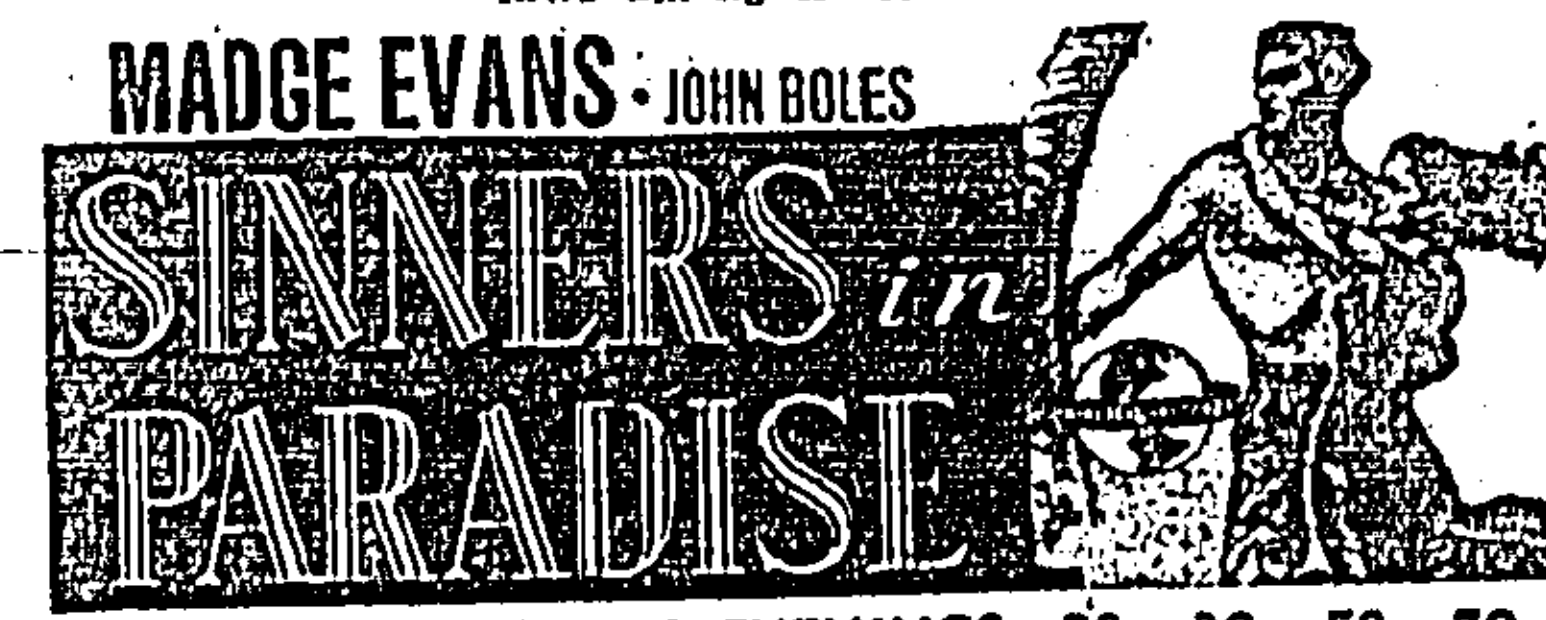
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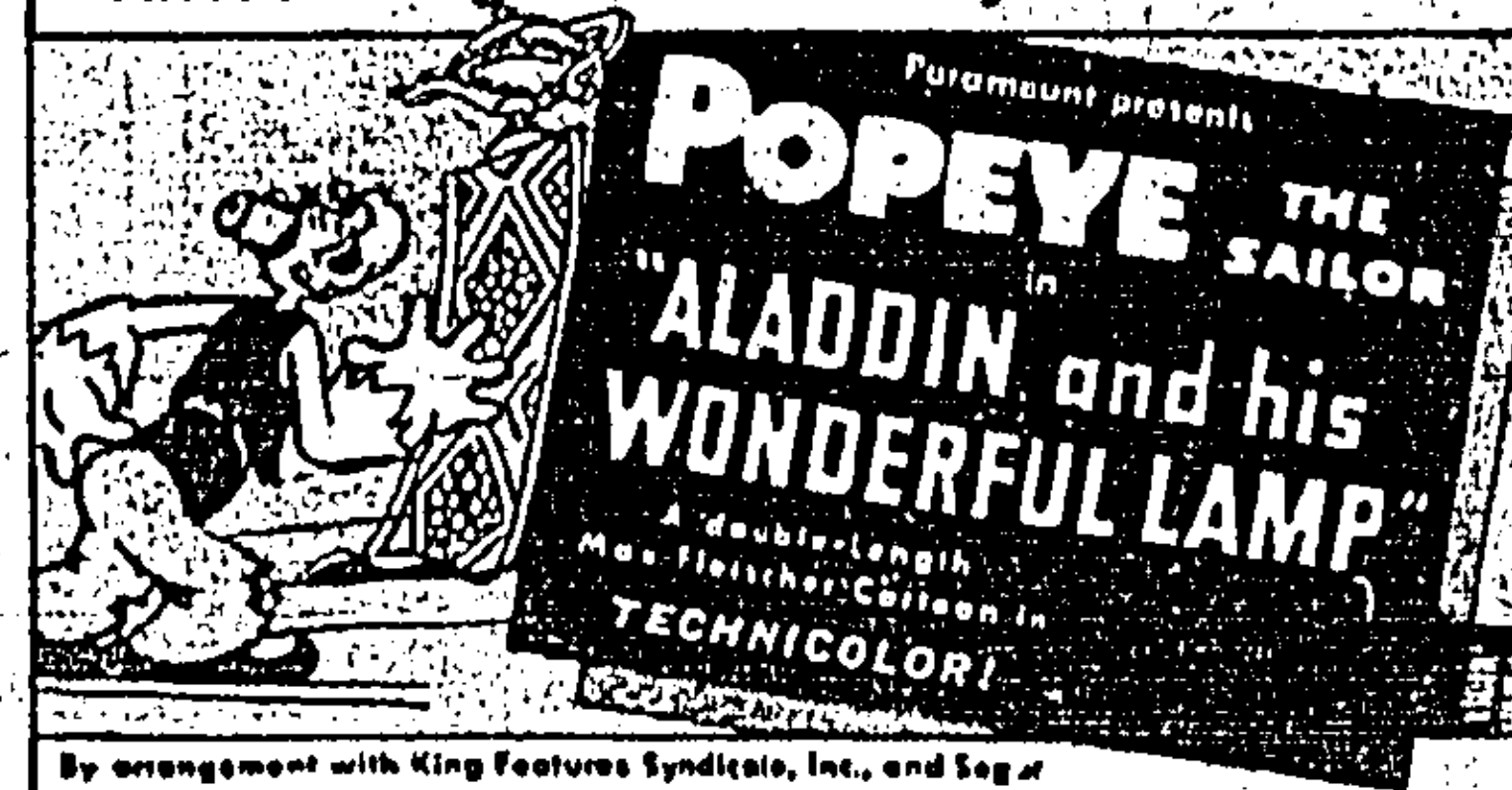
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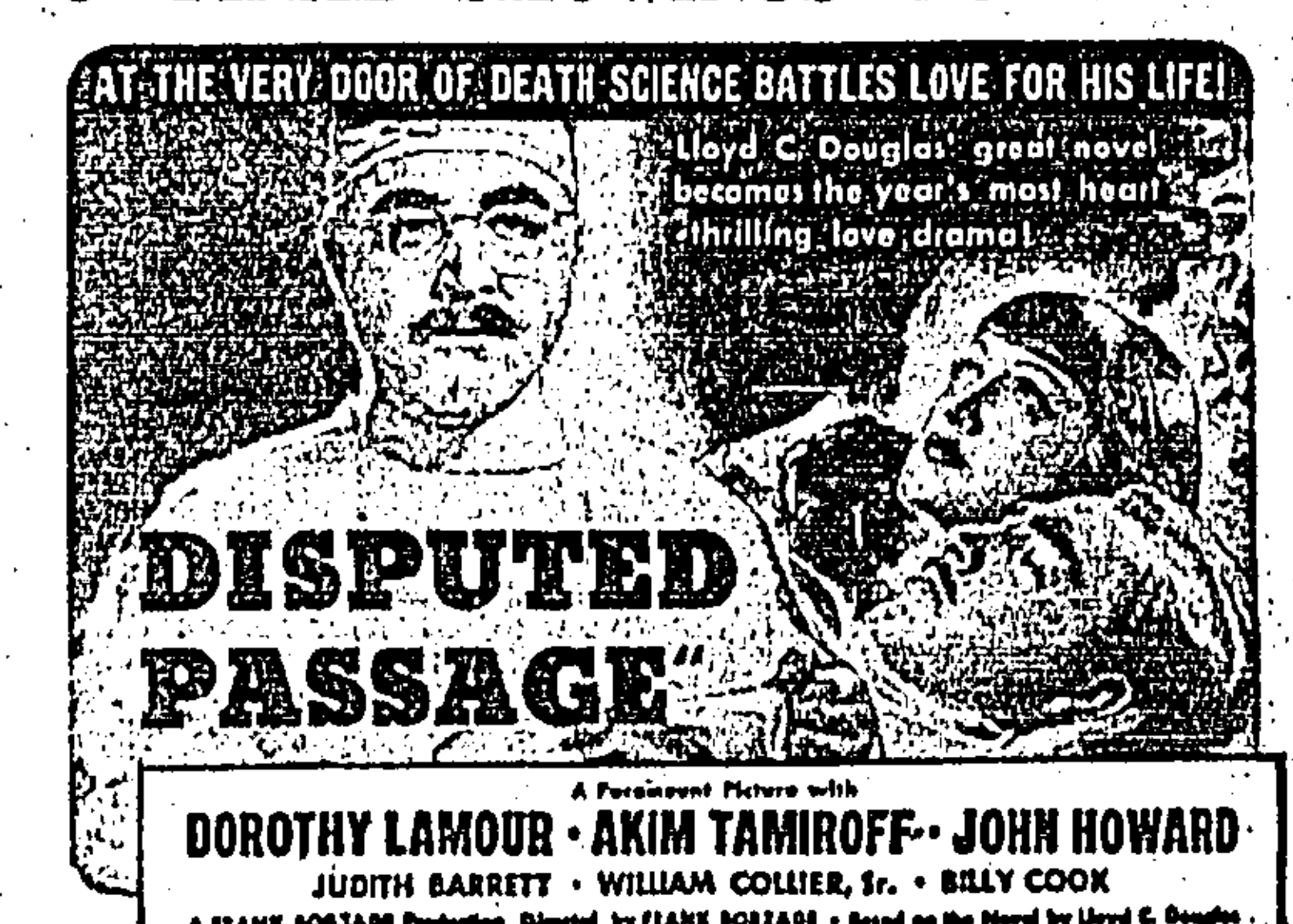


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